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Presidential Address

To the 147th International Convention of the Theosophical Society, Adyar
(*In-person & on Zoom from 31 December 2022 to 4 January 2023*)

IT is a joy to warmly welcome all the delegates present at Adyar and online at this 147th International Convention, especially since after four years we are once again hosting an in-person Convention in our campus, particularly now with several recently renovated beautiful gardens. Let us now turn to those Great Ones whose compassionate care and blessings our Society has been enjoying during all these years. Please rise:

May those who are the embodiments of Love Immortal
bless with their help and guidance this Society,
founded to be a channel for their work.
May They inspire it with their Wisdom, strengthen it
with their Power, and energize it with their activity.

It is a pleasure to declare this 147th Annual Convention
of the Theosophical Society (TS) open.

In order to give us time to complete the renovation of Leadbeater Chambers (LBC), in 2019 the Indian Section was gracious enough to host the event at their Headquarters in Varanasi. A month after the end of that Convention the world shut down because of the global pandemic. All of our work in progress halted and our focus at Adyar turned to protecting the health and safety of our workers and residents. It would be fair to say that we did a good job. With only one resident contracting the virus during the peak of Covid activity, Adyar was one of the safest places on the planet.

During the time that the pandemic was raging, we were planning. In the three years since the advent of the pandemic we have not been idle. The renovations at LBC are completed, new classroom buildings have been constructed at both the Olcott Memorial Higher Secondary School (OMHSS) and at the Adyar Theosophical Academy (ATA), the boys' hostel at OMHSS is up and running, across the campus we have upgraded and installed new gardens (Library building, Admin building, LBC, entrance gate, and most notably the Medha Gautam Garden in front of the Headquarters building). The New Quadrangle complex is nearing completion of its extensive renovations. One of the buildings at the Social Welfare Center was demolished and is also nearing completion.

Probably the most significant development during this past year was the signing of a long-term lease for the Damodar Gardens corner of the TS campus. For the past 80+ years the 14-acre plot of land has been the home to successive first-class educational efforts. For the first 40 years The Besant School, founded during the administration of George Arundale, occupied the space. The next 40 years was The School run by the Krishnamurti Foundation India. In June of this year we signed a long-term lease arrangement for the construction of a high level private school with the Shiv Nadar Trust (SNT). The arrangement took a full three years to finalize. Although the TS has no involvement in running the school, one of the more difficult aspects of the process was finding a partner whose ideals and ethos would be compatible with ours — a fully vegetarian campus, ecologically respectful, alcohol and dissection free, integrity in business operations, and so on. All of these requirements are the norm for SNT across the numerous schools they operate in India.

The motivation for the lease arrangement was to utilize the land for the highest benefit to the TS. The lease will provide a significant and necessary financial support for the work of the TS for years to come. It will also be a valuable addition to the educational and cultural life of the larger community.

The highlights mentioned above might appear to relate solely to externals — buildings, gardens, income streams, but we need to look deeper. Annie Besant described Adyar as the "Masters' home". It is a place of power and presence passed down to us for the use of future generations and for the benefit of humankind. If you value something, it should show in how you treat it. It has been our view that this place should be maintained with respect. Outwardly our touch should call forth a beauty in our surroundings reflective of the inner beauty of those who work through this place and this movement. Our thoughts and actions should seek to uplift and maintain this space for future generations and as yet unknown uses.

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The Work around the World

In **AFRICA**, the **East and Central African** Section, composed of four countries, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, and Zambia, had some members joining the online talks organized by other Sections, but most could not because of high cost of infrastructure and internet connectivity. The 49th annual convention was held in April 2022 at the Nairobi Lodge, on "The World at the Threshold of Change" with the option for members to participate on-site or online. The guest of honour was Navin B. Shah, chairman of the Pan-African Theosophical Federation. The keynote address was delivered by me. Prof P. Krishna gave a public lecture on

"Freedom from the Self" and Charlton Romero on "Papillon: On the Wings of Change".

Attendance in Lodge meetings in **South Africa** was low due to Covid-19. Since August there were visitors in Johannesburg and Pretoria but no new members. The website was revamped to advertise Theosophy, announce Lodge programmes, and attract new members. Meditation classes are planned at several Lodges, including weekend retreats. The focus is on HPB's *Voice of the Silence*. Reading material was sent to members each month.

West Africa faces serious financial challenges, and measures are being taken to attract new members and retain them via social media, by placing short write-ups on the main issues of life and how Theosophy addresses them. The Annual Convention that was not held since 2017 will take place in December 2022 and it will concentrate on strategies to energize the Section. Three new members joined the Section in 2022.

In the **AMERICAS**, the TS in **Central America** consists of the Teotl Lodge and the Blavatsky Study Centre. Courses were conducted on *The Secret Doctrine* by HPB, *At the Feet of the Master* by J. Krishnamurti and *Light on the Path* by Mabel Collins. The study was broadcast on Facebook. An introductory course on Theosophy was conducted, and conferences and discussions on Radha Burnier's *Human Regeneration* were held.

The TS in **Argentina** continued dissemination of Theosophy using online platforms. Facebook following went up from 15,000 in 2021 to 35,000 in 2022. The Virtual Study Group continued its work during the summer with only a short break at the end of the year. Lodges returned to face-to-face meetings. A summer school was organized in January on "Spirituality and Self-Transformation — How do we create an opening to renew ourselves and live fully?" It was a beautiful experience after two years with no on-site activity. A winter school on "The Path of the Theosophist" was held in July at the San Rafael Theosophical Center. The National Meeting was held in Río Cuarto on "The Mission of the TS through Time", with attendance from all over the country. Four books were printed in Spanish during the year and one is under publication.

There are three Centres and five Branches in **Bolivia,** carrying out fraternal work focusing on study, research, and dissemination. The National Library was officially inaugurated in September. Most of the books were inherited from Boris de Zirkoff via his disciple, Dora Crespo.

The TS in **Brazil** has 33 Lodges and 24 Study Groups. Despite the restrictions imposed during the pandemic period, virtual work brought satisfactory results in terms of the dissemination of Theosophy and the addition of 82 new members. National and international events were held such as the 41st Theosophical Summer School in a hybrid format on "Karma and Regeneration — Lessons

for the Present Moment", as well as the 28th International Theosophical School and a Winter Seminar on "Paths to the Encounter of the Self", both with 139 attending. The virtual format facilitated worldwide participation and access to international speakers with live translation. Study groups, meetings, and other events continued mostly online with some Lodges and Study Groups resuming their on-sight meetings. *Sophia* magazine's 94th issue came out after 20 years of circulation. A website is being developed to enable the new theosophical school project.

In **Canada**, the preparatory work for the website, a Facebook page and YouTube channel was done to introduce theosophical teachings to new people and train members all over the country. The Annual General Assembly and Convention were held online. A seminar on A. E. Powell's *The Solar System* was conducted.

In **Chile**, in-person activities resumed for members since September 2021. "Basic Theosophy" courses for newcomers and non-members were conducted. After five classes the attendees had the option of joining the TS. The motto for the year was "Compassion, Inner Work to Life". Commemoration of official TS celebrations was done in-person and online. The three lodges continued their work basing their studies on *First Principles of Theosophy* by Jinarajadasa, *The Key to Theosophy* by HPB, and *The Science of Yoga* and *Self-Culture* by I. K. Taimni. Some members gave voluntary presentations on different subjects. The national public conference was held in August 2022. A members-only study group was focused on *The Secret Doctrine.* Some members joined the Spanish courses of the School of the Wisdom at Adyar.

The study groups in Bogotá, **Colombia**, broadcast their weekly activities online to other cities. Different theosophical books and subjects were studied. The online activities of the Inter-American Theosophical Federation and Spain were followed. Several introductory courses were held for newcomers, who later became active members of the TS and serious students of Theosophy. Online meetings were held weekly with talks by special lecturers, worldwide TS members, and other spiritual/esoteric societies. The quarterly magazine, *Selección Teosófica,* completed issue #409 and was made available globally. Gabriel Burgos Suarez writes weekly about a topic of interest for the students of Theosophy; 48 texts have been published so far in the *Colombian Theosophical Pamphlet*.

There are four Lodges in **Costa Rica** and despite the pandemic the membership rose by six. The Lodges promoted the study of books, delivery of lectures, and online international memorial day celebrations, facilitating global speakers and attendance. An "Introductory Course on Theosophy" was held online too. A new quarterly magazine, *Sīla — Revista costa-rricense de Teosofía* was born and two issues were published.

Though studies in Lodges and other onsite activities in **Cuba** were affected, interchange of information and theosophical studies continued via WhatsApp groups, Facebook, and some in-person activities could also be held. The online quarterly, *Revista Teosófica Cubana*, was published without interruption. The Annual Convention was held in January on "The Yoga of Beauty". Official commemorations of the TS were celebrated. The Summer School was held in July, on the theme, "Returning to the Great Sources". The studies were suspended during the month of August and each Lodge offered a public conference about different theosophical teachings on Saturdays. In August a special celebration honoured the 70th anniversary of of Lodge Devenir.

Members in the **Dominican Republic** participated in the commemoration of the official dates with the Inter-American Theosophical Federation. About 40 students attended the online introductory and advanced courses in Theosophy offered using the Socratic methodology. In November, Gabriel Burgos gave a talk, "Life After Death". Seminars were held on "The Keys of Inner Knowledge" and "The Awakening of the Consciousness" in October. "The Maturity of the Soul: Fulfilling the Purpose of Life" was facilitated by Isaac Jauli and Enrique Reig. Weekly Healing Rituals were performed. Construction of a center for theosophical study was started in October on land donated by a family of Theosophy students.

The **Mexican** Section has 12 lodges and 4 study groups which meet once a week. Thrice a week, two Lodges and a study group hold public talks. Intense work on dissemination of Theosophy was done via the <sociedadteosofica.mx> website, two Facebook pages, <teosofia.blavatsky> and <teosofiamx>, and three YouTube channels, Teosofía en México, Sección Mexicana de la Sociedad Teosófica, and Sociedad Teosófica en México. Also, the magazines, *Teotlsofia*, *Dharma*, and *Duda* were published.

The two lodges in **Peru** conducted their studies, celebration of important days, and public talks online. Sixteen public talks were held during the year. Two courses were offered: "Basic Course of Theosophy" in November and "Basis of Esoteric Philosophy" from February to April.

Most meetings in **Puerto Rico** were held online. The Agency offers a Sunday conference on varied themes related to Theosophy. The Lodges studied *The Seven Dimensions of Man* by Pablo Sender and *Self-Culture* by I. K. Taimni. Members also participated online, in seminars by Gaspar Torres Martinez from Krotona and the Inter-American Theosophical Federation.

In the **United States**, there were many discussions about the best options to expand outreach and achieve goals among the Section, Lodge and study centre leaders. In-person meetings have resumed along with the online option. Speeches, lectures, workshops, classes over a month, study groups, and so on

have gone online, some streamed on YouTube, adding up to about 5,000 participants during the year. The AV department produced about 185 new video programs on Theosophy and related subjects, available through the website, YouTube channel, Facebook page, and Vimeo channel. The TSA site <archive.org> had almost 30,000 hits and <Theosophy.wiki> had around 40,000 page views per month by 15,000 users. A data storage tape library was implemented to store backups of all documents in the Section. The Olcott Memorial Library reopened to the public in September. *Quest* magazine carries articles focusing on theosophical content, and Section activities. TPH in Wheaton produced 16 audiobooks available through Amazon/Audible. The Prison Program continued with over 500 completions since its inception.

The Branches in **Uruguay** studied *The Secret Doctrine* and *Principles of Learning* by J. Krishnamurti. Regular video exhibitions and group discussions were done. A shared, online library with Spanish books and magazines was maintained. No public conferences were organized, and members were invited to attend conferences organized by the Inter-American Federation and other Spanish-speaking countries. The Association continued to focus on three lines of activity: collection of tickets for donating wheelchairs, collection of plastic caps to donate to animal shelters, and Chi Kung classes for a healthier and more comprehensive life.

In **Venezuela** the lodges meet weekly and half an hour of meditation for peace is held in every meeting. The two Study Centres studied the following books online every week: *The Bhagavadgītā* by Annie Besant and Swami Vivekananda, *Quantum Physics and Emotions* by Ana Belén López Solano, *The Mahabharata*, and *The Secret Doctrine*.

In the **ASIA-PACIFIC** region, **East and South-East Asia** consists of four countries: Singapore, Malaysia, Japan and Myanmar. Although there is no physical presence in China, it is the area of greatest growth as a result of dissemination by the **Singapore** Lodge. It had weekly Lodge meetings and conducted "A Course in Theosophy" twice last year for popularizing Theosophy and the induction of new members. The Lodge was focused on a Chinese website, a public blog, Asia Theosophy, with over 1,000 followers, a Facebook account, an online bookstore, book translation, and video lectures in Chinese and Chinese subtitling. "A Course in Theosophy" was broadcast in Chinese. The Selangor Lodge in **Malaysia** was open every Saturday to members and the public. Members took part in online meetings of the Philippines.

The second half of 2021 in **Australia** was still severely affected by the Covid-19 restrictions. In 2022 there was a new sense of optimism and a gradual revival of activities across the Lodges, Branches, and Groups. The Australian membership, including the many volunteers involved in committees and subcommittees have striven to keep the mission of our

Society alive and well despite the many challenges of the past two years. In April 2022, the first School of Theosophy since 2019 was conducted at the Springbrook Retreat Centre in Queensland. Linda and Pedro Oliveira presented the classes, which contemplated selected verses from *The Voice of the Silence*. Planning for the annual Australian Convention to be held at St Mark's College at the University of Adelaide in January 2023 is underway. This will be the first national Convention to be held since 2020.

The book, *The Practice of Theosophy in Bangladesh*, was published in October 2020. Some members of the TS in **Bangladesh** joined the online activities of Adyar, the Philippines, India, and others. The Lodges in Bangladesh organized joint meetings of the members.

Admission fees and annual dues from members were abolished in **India** to encourage youth membership. The evolution of online communication during Covid-19 enabled around 132 programs such as lectures, discussions, seminars, and so on, and better attendance, especially from young members. The publishing of the monthly *Indian Theosophist* was started in the Hindi language also, increasing the readership in north India. The Dr Radha Burnier Award for "Theosophist of the Year" went to U. S. Pandey, President of UP & Uttarakhand Federation. The 130th National Convention was held online last December presided by Dr Deepa Padhi and inaugurated by me. Dr Annie Besant's 174th birth anniversary was celebrated in October 2021 with Linda Oliveira speaking on "Annie Besant and the Way of the Warrior". The second annual "Dr Radha Burnier Lecture" was done by Dr Deepa Padhi also in October on "Radha Burnier and Practical Theosophy". The North India Study Class was organized online for three days also in October with me speaking on "Personality and the Inner Life: Tuning the Soul's Instrument". The 146th Foundation Day was celebrated online last November on "Wisdom: The Inspiration of Founder's Challenge". Adyar Day was observed online in February on "Theosophy and Truth". The 98th Easter Conference was held in April on "From the Known to the Unknown". White Lotus Day was observed in May. There were no in-person workshops or study classes. The Himalayan Study Centre, Bhowali, could conduct only two camps during summer due to travel restrictions. The Young Indian Theosophists Group organised 50 online sessions. Adyar Day was celebrated in February. The website <theosophy-india.org> gives Section information and details of upcoming programmes. The TOS rendered services directly to needy communities this year. Voluntary work was better than earlier years. Both physical and online events were conducted.

All the events of the TS in **Indonesia** continued via online.

In **New Zealand**, there were meetings focused on exploring Theosophy, Science, and Meditation themes. The annual convention was replaced by online seminars, every Sunday from January to April and

June to July, with several international presenters, on "Science and the Ancient Wisdom/Theosophy". The School of Theosophy was held in August on "Exploring Meditation Practice and the Science of Self Realization". Immersion Weekends happened in September on "Everything Arises and Everything Passes". Branch seminars focusing on core areas of Theosophy continued. Several members received scholarships to attend national events. "Theosophy in Today's World", an online course comprising seven short video lessons exploring theosophical perspectives, was available free: <udemy.com>. TPH, Auckland, published *Initiates, Initiations, and the Path*, *Bible Allegories Unveiled*, and *Poems of Bliss*, all by Geoffrey Hodson and *Mystical Christianity*, an ebook on Theosophy World. *TheoSophia* continued to be popular worldwide.

The Philippine National Convention was held online in November on "Living the Theosophical Life in the World Today". The THEOxSophia talks started in February and take place every month, with short talks followed by discussions. The TOS meets monthly to inspire and exchange ideas in the service area. Regular online joint Lodge meetings continued monthly with international participation. There were FreeSpace Youth Center activities, monthly guided meditations, and community yoga too. The Russian Wisdom School included speakers from the Philippines with translation into Russian. Some Lodges also conducted online activities. Regular issues of *The Theosophical Digest*, *The Philippine Theosophist*, and *Peace Ideas* continue to be published. The Singapore Lodge was given license to print a few Geoffrey Hodson books. Online classes change to in-person next year. Service activities like feeding programs and calamity assistance continued. The propagation work continued via the website, Facebook, and YouTube.

In **EUROPE**, the three Lodges in **Austria** offered weekly lectures on subjects based on classical theosophical teachings and related subjects. Lectures are regularly placed on the TS Austria website. In July–August some members attended the summer school of the German TS (Hartmann group). They also get the German *Adyar* magazine published thrice a year.

The Lodges in **Belgium** continued publishing newsletters and organising meetings, online and in-person. National activities included White Lotus Day, Founders Day, Adyar Day and Annie Besant Day. Study groups discussed works from Besant, Krishnamurti, Taimni, Barborka, and Aryel Sanat on a regular basis. Healing and peace meditations were conducted in cooperation with Belgian TOS. Dr Barbara Hebert, General Secretary, USA, gave a talk in June on "Theosophy in Action: Dealing with Life's Difficulties".

In **England and Wales**, there were 28 online Sunday-evening lectures attracting an average of 50 people, including non-members. Prof. Ravi Ravindra addressed the first actual meeting at the

headquarters on the *Yoga-Sutras of Patanjali*. An online monthly Link meditation during full moon was happening since September. The Lodges and Centres continued to hold public meetings and private study groups, some online and some hybrid. The 39th Congress of the European Federation (EFTS) took place after a gap of two years at the University of York on "Healing Oneself, Healing the World". The three International Officers of the TS participated — Marja Artamaa and Nancy Secrest in person, and I online — as well as delegates from across the world, including young members. The event was live-streamed and can be viewed on YouTube. Another event was the Spring Conference on "Tranquillity and Transformation". The Trans-Pennine Conference took place after a gap of two years entitled "Madame Blavatsky; The Light Bringer". The newly styled quarterly magazine, *Esoterica*, came out in September.

The main event of the year in **Finland** was the summer school in Kreivilä in July, with Pablo and Michele Sender, USA, on "The Masters of Wisdom and the Path of Discipleship". The Summer School had guests from Estonia, Sweden, Ireland, and Italy. Other events were a course on "Music, Meditation, and Health" and a symposium, "Love Unites". In Estonia, the Annual Winter Seminar was held in Tartu in January and the Autumn Study Camp in Aegviidu in August. The international convention was held online.

Members from Finland and Estonia participated in the Youth Gathering at Naarden in June and the European Congress in York. Public lectures continued every Sunday throughout out the year excluding the Christmas season. The library was open on Sundays. Young members and friends continued regular meetings in Helsinki and online.

TOS in Finland organized a spring festival to raise funds to support the Olcott Memorial High School, the Social Welfare Centre, and the Boys' Hostel at Adyar. Tri-weekly Newsletters, a Facebook page, and the quarterly *Teosofi* magazine communicate with members and friends. *The Letters from the Masters of Wisdom, First Series*, by C. Jinarājadāsa, was published in the Finnish language, including audio material on Soundcloud.

In **France** bi-monthly hybrid courses and online meditation sessions attracted a core of interested participants. Members participated in-person in a silent retreat on "Discovering Happiness through Freeing Oneself of Fear" in April. Founders Day, Adyar Day, and White Lotus Day were celebrated. Online studies with the Belgian and Spanish members on the Mahatma Letters continued. A study group on fundamental theosophical teachings for new members was launched in 2021. National Convention on "How to Grow Spiritually in a Changing World?" took place in June. Online presence includes Facebook, You-Tube and weekly e-newsletters. "Editions Adyar" ships theosophical and spiritual books in French globally. The

library was opened to the public in October. Their magazine *Le Lotus Bleu* had ten issues.

The Southern and Northern Meetings in **Germany** took place again without Corona. The main event was the Summer School in July with lectures on the First Stanza of Dzyan. The program had many facets: talks on "The Work of Jesus Christ", "The Pineal Gland — Our Third Eye", the *Mahabharata* as an example of the causes of war, "The Mysteries of an Afterlife", and "The Constitution of the Inner Man" by H. P. Blavatsky. Study groups also took place on "The Stanzas of Dzyan" and on "Tarot as the Hero's Journey — a parable for man's journey through life". The magazine, Adyar, is published thrice a year. A special publication of the translated Convention 2021 talks is planned for December 2022.

Till April 2022 only online joint Lodge meetings were held in **Greece**. Since May 2022 hybrid meetings were held in Athens. The TS official commemoration dates were celebrated online. On White Lotus Day, there were speeches on HPB's life and passages were read from the *Bhagavadgītā* and *The Light of Asia*. The quarterly magazine, *Ilisos,* is published regularly. Annie Besant's and C. W. Leadbeater's, *Talks on the Path of Occultism,* vol. III, was published in Greek. A new Lodge, Hyperion, was formed in September 2022.

There is one operating Lodge in **Hungary** and monthly meetings are held. They have started disseminating Theosophy in Slovakia and the Hungarian-speaking areas of Romania and Transylvania. The TOS supported the Ukrainian refugees. It also operates a Virtual Healing Group. There were fifteen public lectures. The YouTube video "The Hidden Side of Our World" offers over a hundred lectures and has 2,300 registered members. Three new audiobooks were published. Many contemporary theosophical articles were translated to Hungarian. Information and help was provided to members on building contacts around the world. *Practical Spirituality*, by John Sell, is being published in Hungarian.

Members in **Ireland** had weekly online meetings with study notes, messages, and quotations from inspiring texts. They could join TS programmes online, receive e-magazines, and had access to the regular communications from Adyar, European School of Theosophy, TS in Philippines, Krotona, TS in Ukraine, and the Russian TS. Thirteen new members found the Society through the <theosophy ireland.com> website. In May the 15th All-Ireland Theosophical Convention on "Thought-Power and its Higher Potential" was held in Dublin.

In-person activities were restarted in **Italy**. The website, <teosofica.org>, atttracted many visitors. Presence on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and so on, was well-structured and informative, including TOS updates. The YouTube channel does live-streaming and host recording of events. The monthly e-newsletter covers 4,500 subscribers. The

Young Theosophists' group is active. The TOS promotes projects in Italy, Ukraine, et al. The books published were *Education as Service* by J. Krishnamurti, *Invisible Helpers* by C. W. Leadbeater, and *I Am — Life impersonal* by Joseph Benner. The 107th Congress was held in June in Vicenza on "Theosophy and Spiritual Masters". The Ascona Theosophical Seminary was organized in March, in collaboration with the European Federation and the Swiss Agency on "There Is No Way to Peace; Peace is the Way". Two editions of the introductory course on Theosophy and the TS were organized during 2022 with 70 participants. A recurring event, "Wednesdays with the TS", aiming to improve the contact with the outside world, had the participation of a hundred people over 18 meetings during the year.

The TS in **the Netherlands** works closely with the International Theosophical Centre (ITC) in Naarden, the "European Home" of the TS. All national activities have been on the theme "Exploring the Powers Latent in Humankind", the third Object of the TS, since 2019: "Working with Energies" in October 2021, "Death as Part of Life" in February, and "Life after Death" in April. "The Supernatural" will take place in October. In June the International Seminar was held at ITC Naarden on "Exploring Powers Latent in Humankind" as also the Silent Retreat, "Spiritual Powers in Humankind", with Trân-Thi-Kim-Diêu. The website <theosofie.nl> helps members and general public with information. A bi-monthly newsletter is mailed to more than 1,000 subscribers. In September a special book, *Zijn is (Being Is),* by Jaap Vos, artist and graphic designer, was published. *Theosofia*, the quarterly magazine, has articles and activity summaries of Lodges and centres.

In **Norway**, Stroemmen, the local group, and Dharma Lodge held a lecture series related to the course programme from "Theosophical World Resource Centre", divided into twelve lectures. There are some individual members too. Some of the studied topics included the Three Objects of the TS, the Constitution of Man, John of the Cross, Sacred Geometry in Dreams, Reincarnation, Death and After Death, and The Upanishads.

The traditional commemorative days were celebrated in **Portugal** and regular fortnightly activities continued both online and in-person by Lodges and Study Groups. These sessions included traditional public talks, panel discussions, and group discussions on a wide variety of themes. The website continues to be a good reference for interested persons. A regular newsletter was published and social networks used to reach the larger public.

An all-**Russian** online lecture series continued successfully with 51 meetings during the year, including 10 with international speakers. It began with a project called "Reading H. P. Blavatsky's Articles Together". A meeting was held with TS Ukraine themed "On the Way to Peace" in April, showing concern about the war.

The 10th All-Russian Theosophical Conference was held in April. The weekly online meditation course "Theosophy and Life" continued. A new monthly project, "Musical Meditations", with classical music and elements of astrology was started. The Russian translation of *The Theosophist* magazine is published regularly. In July "Wisdom School 2022", a joint event with TS in the Philippines was held, dedicated to the Gurus of Humanity and the Spiritual Way. The Theosophical Forum in Smolensk had a Nature summer camp in June. The first theosophical meeting in Moscow was dedicated to the New Year. In November 2021 the National Congress was held on "The Importance of Theosophical Fellowship". Over 400 new videos were uploaded to the channel <youtube.com/Theosophy>. Other social networks include Facebook, Vkontakte (Russian version of Facebook), and Telegram.

The membership in **Scotland** remained constant despite challenges. Public meetings were resumed and attendance at public meetings became normal in response to a varied and interesting programme covering subjects related to Theosophy such as "Quantum Physics and Human Consciousness", "The Spiritual Dimension to Performance Art, Astrology, Alchemy, Sacred Geometry", and "The Powers Latent Within".

Slovenia, with 4 Lodges and 2 Study Centres, continued their work online so that members from all Lodges could attend the 32 meetings which were held. All Memorial Days were celebrated online viz., Annie Besant's birtday, Foundation Day and Adyar Day. The White Lotus Day celebration was the first opportunity for the members to meet physically. The magazine *Theosophical Thought* is now in digital format and the website is <teozofskodrustvo.si>.

In **Spain**, basic courses were conducted and texts made available in Spanish. Several Branches combined study with meditation and retreats. The TOS did active service. Annual activities included silent retreat, Iberian days, and summer school. The 15th Silent Retreat was held online in December with 75 participants on "The Secret Keys to Spiritual Growth". The Iberian Days (Jornadas ibéricas) were hosted by Portugal in April, on "Who Are We?" with a hundred participants from Portugal, Spain and other Sections. Their Section's centenary was celebrated during the Summer School with 70 in attendance.

The free quarterly magazine, *Tidlös Visdom* (Timeless Wisdom), continued in **Sweden**. Activities included study groups, lectures, member gatherings, and commemorations of international TS dates. The summer school was held near Stockholm on "To Live in the Now". The bookshop in Stockholm operates thrice a week with a summer break. The Facebook group and the website, <teosofiska samfundet.se>, continue to be active, as well as the new YouTube channel. The Section supports a school project in Goa, India, called "Mango Tree", for children from the slums.

The European Theosophical Seminar in Ascona, **Switzerland**, was held after a gap of two years on "There Is No Way to Peace. Peace is the Way" in March, partnering with Italy. Lectures, discussions, and a Q&A session were presented. Internet activities include articles on *Ticino's* blog/magazine <teosofia.ch>, Facebook <facebook.com/groups/teosofi/>, and Twitter <twitter.com/teosofia_ch>. The Italian theosophical magazine and the books, *The Fire of Creation* (Van der Leuw) and Annie Besant's *The Discipleship Trail* were distributed free. The Groups met weekly online and have resumed monthly in-person meetings. Books such as *Self-Culture* by Taimni and J. Krishnamurti's *The First and Last Freedom,* among others, were studied.

In spite of the war, theosophical work continued in **Ukraine**. All Branches held meetings and classical theosophical literature was studied. In November, the 18th National Convention on "Cycles of Awareness" took place online. "Herald of Light Day", the 191st birth anniversary of HPB, was celebrated in August. From October to March the lectures, "Ancient Wisdom for the Curious", were uploaded on YouTube. The Facebook page, active since 2016, has over 2,000 subscribers. A School of Lecturing Skills was started to encourage young lecturers and improve existing lecturers of the Society. A new Telegram social network was established to attract more audience. Scientific Group was active during the year. Two issues of the bilingual (Ukrainian-English) e-magazine *Theosophy and Science* were published. The e-magazine, *Svitoch*, had six issues. An e-newsletter and the website, <theosophy.in.ua>, continue. A joint project with Russian theosophists for the translation into Russian and e-publication of *The Theosophist* continues. TOS activities included assistance to refugees, internally displaced persons, residents of territories liberated from occupation, children, disabled people, the wounded in hospitals, and animals. Weekly healing rituals are conducted, as also a weekly specially designed ritual to help the souls of the people killed in the war. A group for psychological help works via Telegram. Group meditation is also held.

At the **International Headquarters** in Adyar, the **Adyar Library and Research Centre** has a long history of Eastern and Western cultural studies and research in philosophy, science, religion, and art. Fulfilling the vision of Col. Olcott, its founder, the Centre hosts a collection of magnificent, old palmleaf manuscripts. Currently, the main activity is digitizing and enabling easy access to scholars. *Brahmavidyā — The Adyar Library Bulletin*, vols. 85 and 86, and Adyar Library Series nos. 129 to 134 were published during the year, 1,000 books were accessed and catalogued, and 1,200 books were added to the collection. Providing access to document copies via post was started. Homage was paid to Mrs Parvati Gopalaratnam, former Librarian, who passed in August.

About 162 students in the **Adyar Theosophical Academy (ATA)** from

Nursery to Grade 5 were back with much enthusiasm in the campus, transitioning from online to in-person class work. A priority was maintaining the connection with Nature, as an integral part of school life and attending various workshops. Celebration of Learning was the first major event. Grades 1 to 4 showcased their learning in geography, art, history, environmental conservation, ecology, languages, and nutrition, enthralling visitors by their confidence and ease. Guests picked up several copies of the Zentangle Birds Calendar, Nature Journal Log, a collection of poetry titled "Rhythm, Rhyme, and Reason", all done by the students. The new academic year (2021-2022) began in January by celebrating the school's third birthday, being held on campus for the first time. The festivities took place under the Banyan tree with a recital of poems, a special birthday song in Tamil, and a dance performance. On India's 75th Independence Day, students put together a number of performances including a mime on the freedom movement and a song on what the term freedom means. A number of field trips, a student ex-change program, interactions on waste management, soil health, and composting were other highlights of the student experience. The Academy is building classrooms for Grades 5 and 6 for the coming year.

Though the **Blavatsky Museum** remained closed, the "Dr Maria Montessori Collection" was revised and rearranged for occasional visitors. A long-felt need was satisfied with a collection of digitized texts and catalogues offering greater insight into the displayed items which include the Mughal and Rajput paintings, and the Indian Renaissance canvasses, all from the Venkatachalam Collection. More research on them is on the cards.

The Olcott Education Society (OES) continues to support the following activities: At the **Olcott Memorial Higher Secondary School** the 75th Indian Independence Day was celebrated by distributing prizes to the toppers in the 2021 public examination. Sixth graders went to see the parade of vehicles at the Light House in Chennai. Class 12 students were given career guidance by students from Jain College. Awards were presented to seven talented students recognized at the South Indian level in the areas of martial art, memory, and dance. A software program, MI Kids, that improves students' ability to speak and read reopened in February after Covid-19. It catered to 35 children, who were given food and taught rhymes, the alphabet, picture colouring, etc. Parents were apprised of children's safety and hygiene. **The HPB Hostel** was open in December and on a regular basis from June, with 10 students of the School. The Hostel was shifted closer to the School for their safety and close monitoring. Breakfast and dinner were provided by the hostel. The **Vocational Training Centre** reopened in March. New admissions were done in June and classes resumed. The 12 new students from poor backgrounds were taught cutting, tailoring, embroidery, and so on. Emblem bags were made for Convention use.

For prospective students of the **School of the Wisdom**, a set of suggested reading material is available on the TS website in English and Spanish: "The School of the Wisdom" by Jinarājadāsa and Radha Burnier, "An Unending Path" by me, "Freedom of Thought and Freedom of Society", "Freedom of Thought: Is it Essential?" by Linda Oliveira, "Why Freedom of Thought?" by Pedro Oliveira, "What is Truth?" by H. P. Blavatsky, and others. During the year, all activities were organized online with free attendance. Though programmes were meant for members, around 10% of non-members attended. There were seven courses in English, each with six to eight classes of two hours each. In October 2021 Linda and Pedro Oliveira conducted classes on "*The Voice of the Silence*: Inner Preparation for the Bodhisattva Path." Ven. Olande Ananda Thera talked on "Mindfulness in Daily Life" in November, and conducted a 3-month meditation class on "Keep on Being". In January, P. Krishna spoke on "Right Living in Modern Society". Vic Hao Chin gave classes on "An Introduction to the Ageless Wisdom" in July. Radha Raghunathan taught "The Fundamentals of Advaita Vedanta" in two parts during August-September.

The Spanish classes started in February with Esteban R. Langlois conducting classes on "Theosophy in its Sources: the Great Teachings of Esoteric Philosophy through the Religions and Philosophies of Antiquity". In March, Ricardo Lindemann taught "Yoga-Sutra as the Science of Self-Knowledge". Finally, Juliana Cesano gave a three-month meditation class focusing "Meditation: Why and How According to Different Traditions". Joma Sipe, from Portugal, designed a beautiful completion certificate for students attending 80% of the classes, and explained its symbolism. A worldwide team worked to update the website, manage the student list, organize translators, and hosting, make the banners, and so on.

During the last Convention in December 2021, the **Surendra Narayan Archives** made a presentation on "Adyar Archives — One Hundred Precious Years". The rich history of the Archives was narrated using visual media. In February, during the anniversary meeting, two of Fritz Kunz's rare audio recordings were played for the audience. About 93 spool tapes have been digitised for sharing worldwide. Enquiries and requisitions were received from around twenty scholars for documents and photographs.

The Theosophical Order of Service (TOS) is present in 36 of the 59 countries where the TS is active and has several outreach avenues. The links <international.theoservice.org> and <facebook.com/tosinternational>provide information. Though physical meetings have resumed online talks and meetings continued due to their convenience. Ironically, this has allowed us to reach many more people than localized, physical programs did. TOS online programs were presented by India, the Philippines, Argentina, the USA, Ukraine and Adyar. The major area of activity this year was the assistance to refugees from Ukraine.

The outpouring of help, good wishes and financial support was overwhelming. Assistance was also given to flood victims in the Assam region in India. The TOS India set up a Young Theosophists TOS group in Odisha region and opened a charity shop there. Assistance with various women's issues, educational and scholarship efforts and youth involvement remain central issues for many groups world-wide. Most are also active in animal welfare. Almost all countries have healing groups.

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THE TREASURER'S REPORT

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 MARCH 2022

TREASURER'S REPORT — AUDITED ACCOUNTS 2021–2022

Respected members of the General Council:

The audited financial statements of the accounts of the Society for the year ended 31 March 2022 are already in your hands. Please find hereunder the salient points of financial activity of the Society for the fiscal year 2021–2022.

This year, the tracking of daily activity was shifted from paper to electronic record keeping for such things as Advances, Retention, and TDS. Attention is also being paid to adjusting the last few old general ledger account balances in order to reflect the financial position of the Society more accurately.

The issues surrounding Covid-19 have now seemed to stabilize. Hopefully, this will continue. Per our auditors, our financial presentation is now in complete compliance with the Income Tax Department's preferred format, rather than the IT having to adjust to the old format that the TS had used for many years.

1. INCOME

The details of the income for the year ended 31 March 2022 as compared to the previous two years are as follows:

	Financial Year		
	2021–2022	**2020–2021**	**2019–2020**
a) Gross interest received from investments	26,954,168	20,195,952	22,847,997
b) Fees and dues	1,354,657	2,818,559	2,901,231
c) License fees	1,200,000	—	—
d) Adyar Day donations	68,652	345,655	206,148
e) General donations	49,468,596	492,672	164,654
f) Restricted donations	19,955,551	21,932,192	70,857,888
g) Sales & Subscriptions – TPH & Magazines	1,859,833	808,274	3,750,340
h) Sales & Subscriptions – ALRC, BMAD & Garden	811,361	768,168	400,726
i) Other income	2,465,348	5,450,061	3,016,758
Sub Total – gross income	104,138,166	52,811,533	104,145,742
Less: Interest transferred to earmarked funds	(9,383,526)	(8,937,954)	(10,544,399)
Total Income	**94,754,640**	**49,873,579**	**93,601,343**

The gross income for the year as shown above increased from that of last year, 2020–2021 by Rs. 51,326,633. The most obvious reason for this was large donations received from the American Section totaling Rs. 48,952,967. These donations were intended to help with expenditures due to the resumption of construction after the lockdowns of the past two years when construction needed to be halted.

Income from interest on investments shows an increase of Rs. 6,758,216 from that of 2020–2021. This is because a gain of Rs. 6,243,220 on the withdrawal of money market funds is included in the above interest figure. Otherwise interest income is in line with that of previous years.

Fees and dues decreased this year by Rs. 1,463,902. Government changes to the acceptance and processing of foreign donations to NGOs caused much confusion this year. While Fees & dues are not donations, our bank was seeing them as such and returning the funds to the sender Section. The new government regulations allow only the Delhi branch of the State Bank of India to accept foreign donations. It took several meetings and letters before this misconception was resolved, and our local Bank again began accepting our Fees and dues as they had for many years previously. We expect that this line item will show a large increase next year as Sections catch up with the dues payments they were not able to make in 2021–2022.

This year marked the first year we began receiving Lease payments from the Theosophical Education Society (TES) on behalf of the Adyar Theosophical Academy (ATA). The lease payments are Rs. 100,000 per month, showing income of Rs. 1,200,000 for the year.

Adyar Day donations, many of which come from foreign Sections, greatly decreased this year by Rs. 277,003. These were also affected by the changes in government regulations as above which made it more difficult for foreign donations to be processed.

TPH sales more than doubled this year, with an increase of Rs. 1,051,559, from last year's results. This can be attributed to the ending of the global lockdowns caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, and the resulting recovery of sales orders. This recovery has continued into the current 2022-2023 fiscal year. We are hopeful that book sales will return to its former pre-pandemic level by the current year end. Sales from other departments: ALRC, BMAD and the Garden also increased by Rs. 43,193.

Other income for fiscal 2020-2021 included two, large, one-time entries that totaled Rs. 2,791,090. After adjusting for these, other income shows a decrease of approximately Rs. 200,000. Items in this category Include: Electricity recoveries, Quarters Maintenance, Royalties received, Canteen income and Printing receipts.

2. NET RESULTS

The net result under the different Cost Categories, after utilizing the funds held for those purposes, as compared to those of the previous two years were as under. Negative figures (in brackets) indicate a surplus of income to expenditures:

Nature of expenditure	Net (Surplus)/Deficit by Financial Year 2021–2022	2020–2021	2019–2020
a) Buildings, Grounds & Support	30,055,434	21,386,418	21,728,137
b) Charitable work	2,812,184	(3,061,779)	(3,171,805)
c) Propagation of Theosophy	2,974,432	1,458,994	1,664,125
d) International offices	2,686,624	2,669,155	2,839,345
e) TS Primary	(70,588,116)	(14,684,863)	(61,647,776)
Totals	(32,059,442)	7,767,925	(38,587,974)

The GROSS results of each Cost Centre are explained hereunder:

2 (a) Buildings, Grounds & Support

	2021–2022	2020–2021	2019–2020
i) Bhojansala & Leadbeater Chambers	1,465,356	1,693,025	1,059,027
ii) Garden	3,095,701	2,243,166	2,057,337
iii) General Manager's Office	95,717	189,572	209,570
iv) Headquarter's Projects	—	(1,583,333)	(1,565,645)
v) Housekeeping	2,221,719	2,307,836	1,819,822
vi) Information Technology	329,397	201,724	176,310
vii) Maintenance	16,868,863	9,341,317	15,155,810
viii) Sanitation	859,145	1,011,298	886,992
ix) Security	5,119,536	5,981,813	4,725,473
Totals	30,055,434	21,386,418	25,524,696

2a(i) The operations of Bhojansala & Leadbeater Chambers resulted in a deficit decrease of Rs. 227,669 as compared to 2020-2021. This was mostly due to a decrease in salary expense and fuel costs for cooking. All other items remained stable.

2a(ii) The deficit in the Garden department increased this year by Rs. 786,968. While sales increased, by Rs. 25,278, after the lockdowns ended, garden maintenance expense increased by Rs. 275,856 and contract labor increased by Rs. 779,106 with the return of the laborers.

2a(iii) The decrease of the deficit in the General Manager's Office is mostly due to the elimination of salary expense due to the transfer of the one paid employee in this department to another department.

2a(iv) The Headquarters' Project cost centre was not utilized during 2022. A large donation for development of the Garden in front of the HQ building and next to the Adyar Theatre was

posted to this cost centre at the end of 2020–2021. This cost centre is utilized only when there is a specific, large project that the TS administration wants to track separately.

2a (v, viii & ix) The deficits in the Housekeeping, Sanitation and Security departments decreased this year. In all three cases this is mostly due to adjusting salaries back to pre-lockdown amounts that had been increased in order to make additional payments to essential workers during the lockdown.

2a(vi) Information Technology used to be part of the Secretary's Office cost centre. It has expanded in the last few years. During fiscal 2021–2022 the honorarium paid to our IT person was shifted to the IT department. Also, all of the payments for Wi-Fi connections for all departments are now charged to the IT department.

2a(vii) The deficit seen in the Maintenance department increased this year by Rs. 7,527,546. Last year it had decreased (by Rs. 5,814,493) due to the halting of assistance from outside contractors because of the pandemic. We see the reverse in fiscal 2021–2022 now that the lockdowns are over. Maintenance repair work showed an increase in expense of Rs. 5,224,743 along with an increase in purchases of items kept in the maintenance stores of Rs. 1,18,283. Electricity expense was up from last year. As in other departments, expense related to salaries decreased. However, Contract Labor was utilized in the amount of Rs. 566,602.

2 (b) Charitable Work

	2021–2022	**2020–2021**	**2019–2020**
i) Adyar Nature & Environment Centre	—	10,000	—
ii) Besant Memorial Animal Dispensary	5,908,921	(3,414,427)	(2,821,306)
iii) Besant Scout Camping Centre	—	1,260	6,810
iv) Education (OES)	286,190	87,447	561,136
v) Education (TS)	359,409	—	—
vi) Welfare Grants	1,019,571	907,596	679,784
vii) Free Dispensary & Medical Aid	375,788	341,388	226,024
viii) School fees & books	228,950	166,000	635,390
ix) Theosophical Order of Service	(126,191)	138,160	—
Totals	8,052,638	1,762,576	712,162

Donations restricted to the above usages are now shown on the Income Statement as Restricted Donations to the various cost centres. Surpluses not used to cover expenditures in the year donated are kept in invested "Funds" until needed to cover expenses in subsequent years. This year those surpluses totaled Rs. 1,031,028, and a total of Rs. 5,240,455 over and above current year donations was utilized for charitable purposes. In fiscal 2019–2020 Animal Welfare "funds" were combined with those of the Besant Memorial Animal Dispensary (BMAD) when it began caring for the livestock full time and took over the feeding of Adyar campus dogs and cats on a daily basis.

2b(ii) BMAD showed a deficit this year of Rs. 5,908,924 as opposed to last year's surplus of Rs.3,414,427. While donations increased this year by Rs. 323,741 and sales by Rs. 296,321, it was not enough to keep up with the expansion of activities and increased number of rescues. BMAD has rescued quite a few horses (we currently have 20 equines + 50 other large animals) and moreover BMAD is now dealing with wildlife as well (per government request). We get many baby deer and black bucks who have to be fed on goat's milk, which proves to be expensive. We are currently housing 7 baby monkeys who are under rehab and will be soon rehabilitated in the wild. BMAD's total team strength has also increased. There are currently 40 employees and contract workers, including 7 vets and 2 consulting vets. BMAD also sees from 80-120 cases in its new outpatient unit, where we used to see only 20-30 cases per day. This is why we have increases in animal food, medical supplies, medicine and medical and diagnostic procedures as well. Efforts continue to increase donations through the use of crowdfunding, donations platforms, social media (including Instagram). We are also hopeful of some CSR donations now that the TS is eligible for them. And, we are registering with the government for possible assistance with funding for wildlife rescue.

2b(i) & (iii) For the past few years, the Adyar Nature & Environment Centre (ANEC) has had no financial activity to speak of. Plans are in the works for the installation of a butterfly garden in the south campus. If realized, this will be covered by a donation for the purpose. Further field activities for school children have also started in the current year with more planned ahead. The Besant Scout Camping Centre has been inactive for many years. There are no current plans to revive it

2b(iv, v, vi & viii) The cost centres for Education (OES) & (TS), Welfare Grants and School fees and books all show increased deficits this year. However, all of these cost centres are completely covered by "funds" that have been, and continue to be, donated for their purposes. In fiscal 2021–2022, education expense related to the TS were separated from those previously used for OES. The TS covers the cost of school uniforms and some other expense for OES students. The TS Education funds cover the cost of scholarships, and related expenses, given to the children of TS and OES employees for attendance at the Adyar Theosophical Academy (ATA). School fees and books covers educational assistance for the children of TS employees. The allotment is between Rs. 3,000 – 5,000 per child. The amount depending on the standard/grade in which the child is enrolled. This is covered by the N. Sri Ram Fund with its use as according to his will. The Welfare grant pays for other employee assistance as per the parameters of the Annie Besant Charitable Fund.

2b(vii) The deficit of the Free Dispensary increased by Rs. 34,400 during fiscal 2021-2022. This was due to increased expenses for medicine, medical supplies and consultant fees.

2b(ix) The TOS received a large donation from the TOS in England this year, approx. Rs. 1,000,000. The donation was restricted to Covid-19 related expenses. Rs. 865,000 was spent in that regard, with funds remaining for additional expenditures, if needed. Funds, covered by a donation from the TS Italy, were also spent through the TOS for scholarship awards for approx. 25 female students in Odisha region.

2 (c) Propagation of Theosophy

	2021–2022	2020–2021	2019–2020
i) Adyar Library & Research Centre	2,116,979	1,132,723	2,097,860
ii) Adyar Theosophical Academy	—	(3,863)	4,474,080
iii) Archives & Museum	638,116	585,583	(1,782,593)
iv) Book Gifts	—	—	—
v) Conventions & Seminars	11,950	(808,523)	1,060,918
vi) Information & Public Relations	—	—	5,310
vii) School of the Wisdom	1000	—	376,967
viii) Theosophy Science Centre	2,311	3,980	3,147
ix) Theosophical Publishing House	(45,754)	(13,713)	750,803
x) *The Theosophist* & *Adyar Newsletter*	369,221	979,649	710,678
xi) Vasanta Press	1,110,661	807,431	46,964
Totals	4,204,484	2,683,267	7,744,133

2c(i) The year end results for the Adyar Library show an increase in the deficit of Rs. 984,256. Once the one-time income derived from the adjustment to the deposits being held for library readers and borrowers made in 2020–2021 is taken into account, an actual decrease in the deficit is seen of Rs. 220,660. This is due to an increase in ALRC sales and subscriptions this year of Rs. 331,310, most likely due to the ending of the lockdowns. This was partially offset by an increase in some expenses, mostly printing expense in the amount of Rs. 115,692. The net deficit of the ALRC was completely covered again this year by previously donated "funds".

2c(ii) Adyar Theosophical Academy (ATA) is included here for information only. It is no longer a TS department as it is now part of the Theosophical Education Society, a registered Society in its own right. However, since we expect to receive donations for construction of new classrooms for ATA by the TS (the TS owns the land and buildings), we will continue to report those separately, as a cost centre, for the information of the General Council.

2c(iii) The increase in the deficit results of the Archives and Museum is mostly due to increased electrical expense.

2c(v-viii) The annual Adyar Convention was again held online this year due to lockdowns and restricted travel as a result of the global pandemic. No registration fee was charged. Instead donations were suggested. We received Rs. 209,990 in donation, down from 2020-2021 donations by Rs. 779,769. Expenses were down as well however by Rs.284,290, resulting in a deficit decrease of Rs.796,573. The small remaining deficit was covered by previously donated "funds". (A physical Convention is planned for fiscal 2022-2023.) The School of the Wisdom was also held online and incurred no income and only Rs. 1,000 of expense. The Information and Public Relations centre

that is planned has not yet gotten off the ground. We hope to establish it in the future. The Theosophy Science Centre has been inactive for a number of years. The only expenses incurred here are for electricity and sanitation. (Both charges have been discontinued for this cost centre as of fiscal 2022–2023).

2 (c) (ix) The Theosophical Publishing House	**2021-2022**	**2020-2021**	**2019-2020**
1) Gross profit from sale of publications	1,020,823	484,359	2,471,163
2) Royalty and copyright fees	283,305	800,926	—
3) Surplus/(loss) from *Wake Up India & Digest*	8,050	—	(11,657)
4) Net surplus/(deficit) of the TPH	45,754	13,713	(750,803)
5)Loss from the *Theosophist & Adyar Newsletter*	(369,221)	(979,649)	(710,678)

The results of the TPH have been yo-yoing in recent years. Recoveries were seen this year after the ending of the lockdowns and the reopening of both TPH and the Bookshop. Sales were up by Rs. 945,992 although income from reimbursements, royalties received and unrealized Forex gain were down. Corresponding expenses, such as those for minor IT hardware, packing supplies, platform fees and postage also increased.

2c(x) The decreased loss of Rs. 610,428 from the publication of *The Theosophist* & the *Adyar Newsletter* from that of fiscal 2020-2021, is due to an increase in sales and foreign exchange gain as well as decreases in publication costs, postage, and salaries.

2 (c) (xi) Vasanta Press:

The increased deficit of Rs. 303,230 for Vasanta Press is the result of increased production costs. Vasanta Press offers its services to all departments in the TS as well as to related groups such as the Olcott Education Society and others. These amounts are then billed to the departments, and others each month though a "Consolidated Bill". Treasury, the GM and VP management have been looking at how VP prepares these charges. Changes are being implemented that will give a better reflection of specific costs that are being charged to the departments and others which will ensure a more stable presentation of them on the financial statements.

2 (d) International Departments:

The results of the offices of the President and Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer are in line with prior years.

2 (e) TS Primary:

This cost centre, new in fiscal 2019-2020, replaced "Other Expenses" and is instead a repository cost centre for the more uniform TS items. Its activity in 2021-2022 resulted in a surplus of Rs. 70,583,116, up from last year's surplus by Rs. 55,898,253. This increase is mostly due to large donations, totaling Rs. 48,952,967, from the American Section representing donations made

there, over many years, on behalf of Adyar. All donations, unless restricted to a specific department, are posted to this cost centre as are Fees and Dues received and income from dividends and interest on TS investments.

On the expense side Society's expenditures for depreciation, payroll admin charges, expenses for income tax, property and water taxes, insurance, land related expenses, legal and court costs and statutory fees and dues are all posted to the TS Primary cost centre. Depreciation and Legal and court costs were again the largest expenses in this cost Centre. While Depreciation remained about the same as last fiscal year, Legal and court costs decreased in 2021-2022 by Rs. 4,873,221 from those of fiscal 2020-2021. The amount posted for legal and court costs in 2020-2021 included an additional provision for payments against a 40-year-old labour case in order to bring the provision up to the settlement amount of Rs. 105,000,000.

This case was subsequently closed by the Labour Court on 09.09.2021. After payouts made during FY 2021-2022, a provision of Rs. 7,960,000 remained on the books at 31.3.2022. (Remaining payments were made during 2022-2023, with the liability of the TS ceasing, per the court order, as of 30.09.2022.)

Depreciation expense is expected to increase greatly in FY 2022-2023. The renovation of Leadbeater Chambers (LBC) will reach completion as will that of New Quadrangle and Headquarters Hall. 10% of their total renovation costs are required to be expensed as depreciation.

3. Net Deficit:

The books of the Theosophical Society for fiscal 2021-2022 show a net surplus of Rs. 25,453,745. Reasons for the surplus have already been explained. In addition, while all income is reflected on the Income & Expense Statement, the amount of income received during the year, and used for capital expenditures is shown on the Balance Sheet. Capital costs/Fixed Assets paid for in 2021-2022, net of deletions, amounted to Rs. 18,764,430. Of this amount, Rs. 7,437,421 was paid from current year donations and other income, with the additional Rs. 11,327,009 covered by the utilization of "funds" (also shown on the Balance Sheet) representing prior years' donations. In addition, excess restricted donations in the amount of Rs. 1,031,028 were added to the Other/ Earmarked Fund balances to be used in subsequent years.

4. Capital Expenditure:

Capital additions/improvements totaling Rs. 19,331,379 were added to Fixed Assets this fiscal year, 2021-2022. Corresponding deletions totaled Rs. 566,949. The additions included additional work in progress on the LBC renovation, Rs. 10,121,739, as well as other renovations in progress totaling Rs. 4,012,235; other building improvements and the construction of a large animal shed and other constructions at BMAD amounted to Rs. 3,415,566. Another Rs. 1,781,839 was spent on additions to Plant & Machinery, computers, printers and copiers, furniture and fixtures, vehicles and library holdings.

5. Funds & Investments:

The investments of the Society totaled Rs. 275,481,497 at the end of this fiscal year as compared with Rs. 265,846,364 at the end of the 2020-2021 fiscal year. These funds are invested in scheduled banks and financial institutions and government bonds, with 9% being invested in mutual funds.

6 . Acknowledgement:

I am continuously grateful for the opportunity to serve the Theosophical Society as its Treasurer and to the Masters for guiding me here. Treasury continues to work on the specific goals it has set for itself to ensure that the books of the TS reflect its financial position as accurately and transparently as possible by training staff so that they can perform their jobs to the best of their ability, ensuring compliance with all government regulations and ensuring consistency in the treatment of various financial transactions. In all of this I rely heavily on the diligent and capable work of the Treasury staff, especially on the knowledge and skill of my Assistant Vighnesh RVS. I gratefully thank and acknowledge them all for their efforts.

I wish to thank President Tim Boyd and the General Council for the trust they have placed in me, and wish to acknowledge the Executive Committee, the International Secretary, the General Manager and Department Heads for all of their assistance throughout the year.

Nancy Secrest
International Treasurer

ACCOUNTS AND BUDGETS

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, ADYAR, CHENNAI 600 020

FEES AND DUES RECEIVED — 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022

(INR)

The Theosophical Society in:			
Section / Regional Association / Presidential Agency	**2019-2020**	**2020-2021**	**2021-2022**
Africa East and Central	1,100.00	-	-
Africa, South	-	-	-
Africa, West	-	-	-
America Central	2,045.00	-	-
Argentina	63,361.00	-	-
Asia, East and Southeast	-	-	-
Australia	-	211,704.00	-
Austria	-	10,920.00	-
Bangladesh	-	-	-
Belgium	-	-	-
Bolivia	31,394.00	-	-
Brazil	674,525.00	773,947.00	-
Canada	33,257.00	-	-
Costa Rica	-	-	-
Chile	50,618.00	-	-
Colombia	-	-	-
Cuba	-	-	-
Dominican Republic	13,768.00	13,670.00	27,421.00
England	96,154.00	-	-
Finland	123,008.00	270,435.00	-
France	-	-	-
Germany	55,151.00	-	-
Greece	41,093.00	-	-
Hungary	10,566.00	11,378.00	-
Iceland	3,641.00	61,166.00	-
India	237,782.00	192,165.00	231,567.00
Indonesia	-	-	-
Ireland	13,265.00	18,605.00	-
Italy	194,405.00	176,547.00	196,544.00
Mexico	-	59,737.00	71,040.00
Netherlands, The	-	-	-
New Zealand	81,968.00	50,233.00	-
Norway	-	-	-
Pakistan	-	-	-
Peru	-	12,185.00	-
Philippines, The	-	-	-
Portugal	-	-	-
Puerto Rico	22,696.00	23,823.00	18,073.00
Russia	31,332.00	-	12,871.00

Section / Regional Association / Presidential Agency	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022
Scotland	-	-	-
Slovenia	-	43,320.00	-
Spain	135,517.00	167,940.00	-
Sri Lanka	-	-	-
Sweden	-	-	-
Switzerland	-	19,622.00	35,826.00
Togo	-	-	-
Ukraine	7,879.00	-	14,811.00
Uruguay	19,137.00	4,645.00	-
USA	662,969.00	723,245.00	650,458.00
Venezuela	39,813.00	-	-
	-	-	-
Lodges attached to Adyar	-	-	-
Khana Wara Lodge (Bolivia)	-	16,482.00	17,490.00
Lotus Lodge (Croatia)	-	-	-
Arc en Ciel, and Ananda Lodges (France)	-	57,066.00	51,196.00
Sofia Lodge (Indonesia)	2,860.00	-	-
Covenant Lodge (Israel)	-	88,503.00	88,976.00
Fraternidad (Paraguay)	4,228.00	4,726.00	-
Blavatsky Lodge (Slovenia)	-	13,154.00	-
Orlando Lodge (USA)	752.00	10,890.00	-
Blavatsky Lodge (Qatar)	-	-	-
Fellows-at-large	21,973.00	19,182.00	10,522.00
Unknown	-	-	10,405.00
Total	2,676,257.00	3,055,290.00	1,437,200.00

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, ADYAR, CHENNAI 600 020
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

(INR)

EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	INCOME	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
Opening Stock		**7,452,047**			
Purchase Accounts		**2,383,703**	**Sales Accounts**		**2,932,363**
BMAD Purchases	59,695		Photocopying Receipts	25,561	
C & S Stores Purchases	1,231,963		Printing Recipts (Vasanta Press)	34,280	
Electrical Stores Purchases	866,046		Sales - ALRC	238,684	
TPH Inventory Purchases	225,999		Sales - BMAD	159,312	
Direct Expenses		**25,753,724**	Sales - Bookshop	238,211	
Cost of Goods Sold	2,015		Sales - Garden	209,483	
Animal Feed	4,732,553		Sales - Others	117,342	
Animal Supplies	402,248		Sales - TPH (FC)	244,868	
Animal Welfare Expense	25,000		Sales - TPH (I)	1,144,215	
Binding and Lamination	141,560		Scanning of Books	201,329	
Binding Materials	4,705		Subscriptions - Adyar Library	16,420	
Discounts	75		Subscriptions - Adyar Library Bulletin (I)	70,120	
Garden Maintenance Expense	285,325		Subscriptions - Adyar Newsletter (FC)	4,533	
GST (Expense)	218,640		Subscriptions - Adyar Newsletter (I)	175	
Guest Room Exp. (Linens, Lamps, Etc.)	1,133		Subscriptions - Theosophical Digest (I)	8,050	
Maintenance Buildings (TS11)	6,648,736		Subscriptions - Theosophist (FC)	185,355	
Maintenance of Boundries (TS9)	388,679		Subscriptions - The Theosophist (I)	34,425	
Maintenance of Electrical Installations (TS7)	512,781				
Maintenance of Other Depts & Personal Works (TS	878,560		**Direct Incomes**		**71,434,653**
Maintenance of Sub-Station (TS2)	529,392		Donations - Adyar Day (FC)	10,177	
Maintenance of Water Supply (TS3)	347,238		Donations - Adyar Day (I)	58,475	
Maintenance of Workshop & Office (TS1)	50,622		Donations - General (FC)	49,248,950	
Medical Procedures	446,450		Donations - General (I)	219,646	
Medical / Surgial Equipment & Materials	3,235,841		Donations - Restricted (FC)	2,777,492	
Medicine (Animals)	4,026,843		Donations - Restricted (I)	17,178,059	
Medicine (Dispensary)	134,323		Fees and Dues	1,354,657	
Painting Expense (Housekeeping)	102,759		Gifts in Kind	150,000	
Plants and Flowers Expense	31,210		Reimbursement of bank charges	17,093	
Printing Paper & Other Input Items (Vasanta Press)	248,796		Reimbursement of Packing Charges	30,525	
Publication Costs (Magazines)	351,900		Reimbursement of Shipping Costs	389,579	
Scholarships Expense	615,000				
Theosophical Order of Service Exp	865,833		**Indirect Incomes**		**29,656,744**
X-Ray & Diagnostic Procedures	525,507		Canteen Income	766,710	
Indirect Expenses		**50,255,997**	Dividend Income	3,209,597	
Allowances (Petrol and Other	35,000		Electricity Charge Recoveries	440,249	
Amazon Fees	55,551		Foreigh Exchange Gain/(Loss)	601	

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, ADYAR, CHENNAI 600 020
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

(INR)

EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	INCOME	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
Audit Fees	210,040		Gain/(Loss) on Disposal of Fixed Assets	(102,229)	
Bad Debts Expense	14,401		Gain/loss on Redemption of Mutual Funds	6,243,220	
Bank Fees and Charges	79,964		Interest Income (FC)	10,495,595	
Cleaning Materials	289,927		Interest Income (I)	7,005,756	
Computer Expenses (Minor IT Hardware)	288,234		License Fees	1,200,000	
Consultancy Fees	706,500		Quarters Maintenance	65,551	
Contracted Labour Charges	5,020,787		Royalties Received	283,305	
Conveyance	92,439		Unrealised Forex Gain/(Loss)	48,389	
Credit Card Fees	12,491				
Danamojo Fees	132,126		**Closing Stock**		**7,321,858**
Depreciation Expense	4,275,691				
Documentaries, Video, Photo Etc	43,000				
EDLI Scheme Contributions Expense	60,116				
Electricity Charges (MES)	2,927,340				
Electricity Expense	88,498				
Employer EPF @ 3.67%	476,341				
Employer EPS @ 8.33%	945,254				
Equipment Expense	196,178				
ESI Expense	489,191				
Ex-Gratia	1,714,163				
Faithful Service Expense	6,000				
Fuel and Petrol Expense	387,385				
Gratuity Expense	802,521				
Honorarium	2,064,500				
Insurance Expense	50,152				
Interest, Penalties Expense	17,808				
Labour (Occasional-Not on Payroll)	682,294				
Land Related Expenses	114,160				
Laundry Expense	10,797				
Lease Rent Expense	2,460				
Legal and Court Expenses	1,040,439				
Masonery Expense	155,163				
Meals for Staff	139,502				
Miscellaneous Expense	11,378				
Nursery Expenses	18,230				
Office Expenses	333,013				
Offset Plates and Chemicals	86,893				

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, ADYAR, CHENNAI 600 020
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

(INR)

EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	INCOME	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
Overtime Expense	824,730				
Packing Supplies Expense	8,322				
PF Admin Expenses	99,947				
Photocopying Expense	52,949				
Platform/Gateway Fees and Changes	337,910				
Postage	481,004				
Preservation Epense	370				
Printing/publication Outsourced (for VP, TPH Etc)	8,496				
Property Tax Expense	351,365				
Provisions (Fruits, Vegetables, Milk Etc.)	534,514				
Quest Processing Fees	9,698				
Repairs and Maintenance	786,683				
Repairs and Maintenance of Equipment	454,650				
Retirement Allowance Expense	75,000				
Rounding Off (+/-)	(18)				
Royalty Expense	20,098				
Salaries and Wages Expense	19,471,409				
School Fees & Books	515,147				
Shipping Expense	(12,160)				
Software Expenses	163,970				
Stationery Expenses	109,084				
Statutory Fees/dues	87,980				
Subscription Expense	141,041				
Tea and Refreshments	168,480				
Telephone and Internet Expense	307,947				
Travel Expenses (Non-Local)	20,000				
Uniforms Expense	326,615				
Vehicle Expenses	1,469				
Welfare Grant Expense	833,374				
Excess of Income over Expenditure		**25,453,746**			
Total		**111,299,218**	**Total**		**111,345,618**

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For the Theosophical Society

N. Secrest (Treasurer)

For Srihari & Co. (Chartered Accountants)

Manoj Niranjan G. (Partner)

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, ADYAR, CHENNAI 600 020
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

(INR)

LIABILITIES	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	ASSETS	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
			Fixed Assets		**99,912,468**
Capital Account		**387,786,568**	Accumulated Depreciation	(61,328,124)	
Corpus / Endowment Funds	227,507,455		Adyar Library Holdings	2,987,397	
Legacy Deposits	1,118,000		Building Improvements Blavatsky Bungalow	24,082,836	
Other / Earmarked Funds	121,223,747		Building Improvements - New Archives	2,511,866	
General Fund	37,937,366		Buildings	37,184,760	
			Computers and Other IT Fixed Assets	1,112,605	
Current Liabilities		**26,045,354**	Electrical and Telephone Installations	5,278,273	
Duties & Taxes	28,636		Furniture and Fixtures	3,287,854	
Provisions	21,180,879		Land and Development	227,142	
Sundry Creditors	327,000		Plant and Machinery	19,195,116	
Retention	420,589		Vehicles and Livestock	3,351,256	
Unearned Revenue	332,563		Work in Progress - ATA Expansion	2,891,189	
Deposits (Readers and Borrowers ALRC)	178,000		Work in Progress - General	270,985	
ESI Employee's Contribution Liability	48,624		Work in Progress - HQ Building	709,641	
ESI Employer's Contribution Liability	3,684		Work-in-Progress - LBC Kitchen	22,420	
Income Tax Deducted at Source (TDS) for Vendors	165,492		Work in Progress - LBC Renovations	57,950,252	
Liabilities - Others	3,092,494		Work in Progress - New Quadrangle Renovatio	177,000	
Padma Tolani (Interest Payable)	17,922		**Investments**		**275,481,497**
PF Employee's Contribution Liability	119,013		Investment in Scheduled Banks - FCRA	134,000,000	
PF Employer's Contribution Liability	130,457		Investment in Scheduled Banks - Non-FCRA	30,376,386	
			Investments in Financial Institutions - FCRA	35,351,000	
Profit & Loss A/c		**25,453,746**	Investments in Financial Institutions - Non-FCR	50,618,000	
Opening Balance	-		Investments in Mutual Funds	25,136,111	
Current Period	25,453,746		**Current Assets**		**63,891,703**
			Closing Stock	7,321,858	
			Deposits (Asset)	657,155	
			Loans & Advances (Asset)	12,360,497	
			Sundry Debtors	1,216,287	
			Cash-in-Hand	720	
			Bank Accounts	41,642,755	
			Input CGST	106,206	
			Input Igst	7,397	
			Input SGST	106,206	
			Interest Accrued/receivable	472,623	
Total		**439,285,668**	**Total**		**439,285,668**

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, ADYAR, CHENNAI 600 020
COST CATEGORY SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

(INR)

Particulars	Expense	Income	Surplus or (Deficit)	Funds Utilized	Surplus or (Deficit) after Funds
Buildings, Grounds and Support					
Bhojanasala & Leadbeater Chambers	2,262,557	797,200	(1,465,357)	-	(1,465,357)
Garden	3,312,184	216,483	(3,095,701)	-	(3,095,701)
General Manager's Office	95,717	-	(95,717)	-	(95,717)
Headquarter's Projects	-	-	-	-	-
Housekeeping	2,221,719	-	(2,221,719)	-	(2,221,719)
Information Technology	329,397		(329,397)	-	(329,397)
Maintenance	17,517,196	648,333	(16,868,863)	-	(16,868,863)
Sanitation	859,145	-	(859,145)	-	(859,145)
Security	5,119,536	-	(5,119,536)	-	(5,119,536)
Totals	**31,717,450**	**1,662,016**	**(30,055,434)**	**-**	**(30,055,434)**
Charitable Works					
Besant Memorial Animal Dispensary	23,700,065	17,791,144	(5,908,921)	3,691,261	(2,217,661)
Besant Scout Camping Centre	-	-	-	-	-
Education (OMHSS)	286,190	-	(286,190)	286,190	-
Education (TS)	465,000	105,591	(359,409)	14,483	(344,926)
Free Dispensary and Medical Aid	386,261	10,473	(375,788)	-	(375,788)
School Fees and Books	228,950		(228,950)	228,950	-
Theosophical Order of Service	1,015,833	1,142,024	126,191	-	126,191
Welfare Grant	1,119,571	100,000	(1,019,571)	1,019,571	-
Totals	**27,201,870**	**19,149,232**	**(8,052,638)**	**5,240,454**	**(2,812,184)**
International Offices					
President & Vice President	561,901	-	(561,901)	-	(561,901)
Secretary's Office	358,281	2,214	(356,067)	-	(356,067)
Treasurer's Office	1,749,287	(19,370)	(1,768,657)	-	(1,768,657)
Totals	**2,669,468**	**(17,157)**	**(2,686,624)**	**-**	**(2,686,624)**
Primary Cost Category					
Theosophical Society	**9,322,482**	**79,905,598**	**70,583,116**	**5,000**	**70,588,116**
Propagation of Theosophy					
Adyar Library and Research Centre	2,667,632	550,653	(2,116,980)	1,152,370	(964,610)
Archives and Museum	639,606	1,490	(638,116)	-	(638,116)
Convention & Seminars	221,940	209,990	(11,950)	11,950	(0)
School of the Wisdom	1,000		(1,000)	1,000	-
Theosophy Science Centre	2,311		(2,311)	-	(2,311)
The Theosophical Publishing House	2,322,124	2,367,878	45,754	-	45,754
The Theosophist & *Adyar Newsletter*	707,886	338,665	(369,221)	64,733	(304,488)
Vasanta Press	1,144,941	34,280	(1,110,661)	-	(1,110,661)
Totals	**7,707,440**	**3,502,956**	**(4,204,484)**	**1,230,052**	**(2,974,432)**
Total Cost Categories	**78,618,709**	**104,202,645**	**25,583,936**	**6,475,507**	**32,059,442**
Add: Difference in Stock	-	-	(130,190)	-	(130,190)
Add: Utilization for Fixed Assets*	-	-	-	11,423,513	11,423,513
Net Surplus			**25,453,746**	**17,899,019**	**43,352,766**

** Adyar Renovations Rs.11,327,009, Adyar Theosophical Academy Rs.37,535.76, and TPH (computer) Rs.58,968.*

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, ADYAR, CHENNAI 600 020
BUDGET 2023–2024

(INR)

EXPENSE					PARTICULARS	INCOME				
Budget 2021-2022	Actual 2021-2022	Budget 2022-2023	Actual till 30/9/'22 (6 months) 2022-2023	Budget 2023-2024		Budget 2021-2022	Actual 2021-2022	Budget 2022-2023	Actual till 30/9/'22 (6 months) 2022-2023	Budget 2023-2024
					Buildings, Grounds, and Support					
4,005,443	2,262,557	3,371,208	1,146,844	4,213,569	Bhojansala & Leadbeater Chambers	1,650,000	797,200	1,050,000	345,541.00	1,210,000
4,165,276	3,312,184	4,617,319	1,504,642	5,437,228	Garden	500,000	216,483	300,000	51,020.00	200,000
176,000	95,717	119,500	71,844	667,776	General Manager's Office	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	Headquarters Projects	-	-	-	2,276,080.00	-
2,710,178	2,221,719	3,504,608	1,485,932	4,194,307	Housekeeping	-	-	-	-	-
376,000	329,397	387,300	124,211	607,000	Information Technology	-	-	-	-	-
10,833,108	17,517,196	23,022,189	7,938,867	42,739,694	Maintenance	475,000	648,333	1,575,000	218,717.00	750,000
1,017,969	859,145	1,035,267	340,835	1,039,897	Sanitation	3,000	-	10,000	-	-
4,906,103	5,119,536	5,981,678	2,246,030	6,458,387	Security	700,000	-	700,000	-	700,000
28,190,076	**31,717,450**	**42,039,069**	**14,859,206**	**65,357,858**	**Totals**	**3,328,000**	**1,662,016**	**3,635,000**	**2,891,358**	**2,860,000**
					Charitable Works					
-	-	310,000	-	180,300	Adyar Nature and Environment Centre	-	-	-	-	130,000
13,131,588	23,700,065	22,263,234	10,850,388	26,712,084	Besant Memorial Animal Dispensary	7,500,000	17,791,144	5,300,000	8,629,951	10,070,000
-	-	4,738,950	-	-	Besant Memorial Animal Dispensary II	-	-	1,200,000	-	-
7,260	-	11,260	-	-	Besant Scout Camping Centre	-	-	-	-	-
600,120	286,190	738,000	365,950	600,000	Education (OMHSS)	-	-	-	-	-
	465,000		195,000	755,000	Education (TS)		105,591		109,258	-
393,313	386,261	406,419	176,560	442,754	Free Dispensary and Medical Aid	-	10,473	-	-	-
700,000	228,950	400,000	198,000	400,000	School Fees and Books	-	-	-	-	-
-	1,015,833	500,000	190,000	130,000	Theosophical Order of Service	-	1,142,024	-	124,672	130,000
750,000	1,119,571	850,000	567,124	900,000	Welfare Grant	-	100,000	-	-	-
15,582,281	**27,201,870**	**30,217,863**	**12,543,022**	**30,120,139**	**Totals**	**7,500,000**	**19,149,232**	**6,500,000**	**8,863,881**	**10,330,000**
					International Offices					
598,562	561,901	616,841	525,163	815,341	President & Vice President	-	-	-	-	-
662,973	358,281	561,932	303,349	496,594	Secretary's Office	8,000	2,214	3,000	717	2,000
2,208,241	1,749,287	2,336,885	1,256,157	2,458,130	Treasurer's Office	3,000	(19,370)	-	-	-
3,469,776	**2,669,468**	**3,515,658**	**2,084,669**	**3,770,064**	**Totals**	**11,000**	**(17,157)**	**3,000**	**717**	**2,000**
					Primary Cost Category					
9,655,525	**9,322,482**	**16,640,500**	**3,125,394**	**13,545,600**	**Theosophical Society**	**77,567,471**	**79,905,598**	**73,929,201**	**27,901,411**	**95,413,281**

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, ADYAR, CHENNAI 600 020
BUDGET 2023–2024

(INR)

EXPENSE					PARTICULARS	INCOME				
Budget 2021-2022	Actual 2021-2022	Budget 2022-2023	Actual till 30/9/'22 (6 months) 2022-2023	Budget 2023-2024		Budget 2021-2022	Actual 2021-2022	Budget 2022-2023	Actual till 30/9/'22 (6 months) 2022-2023	Budget 2023-2024
					Propagation of Theosophy					
2,887,730	2,667,632	2,976,467	1,228,504	3,382,775	Adyar Library and Research Centre	525,000	550,653	305,000	241,137	625,000
-	-	-	-	-	Adyar Theosophical Academy	-	-	-	-	-
661,434	639,606	896,469	457,948	943,318	Archives and Museum	3,000	1,490	-	23,132	15,000
590,000	221,940	3,223,200	751,337	4,294,000	Convention & Seminars	750,000	209,990	2,600,000	1,024,370	2,500,000
179,500	-	-	-	-	Information and Public Relations	-	-	-	-	-
234,000	1,000	263,000	14,078	144,000	School of the Wisdom	-	-	-	-	-
5,000	2,311	5,000	-	-	Theosophy Science Centre	-	-	-	-	-
4,880,312	2,322,124	3,490,384	1,536,944	2,453,248	The Theosophical Publishing House	4,570,000	2,367,878	2,850,000	1,796,593	3,080,000
1,061,000	707,886	1,638,414	272,914	2,212,465	The Theosophist & Adyar Newsletter	148,000	338,665	76,000	57,273	115,500
897,801	1,144,941	2,152,691	1,016,012	1,936,354	Vasanta Press	125,000	34,280	50,000	31,079	45,000
11,396,777	**7,707,440**	**14,645,625**	**5,277,736**	**15,366,160**	**Totals**	**6,121,000**	**3,502,956**	**5,881,000**	**3,173,584**	**6,380,500**
68,294,435	**78,618,709**	**107,058,715**	**37,890,027**	**128,159,821**	**Total Cost Categories**	**94,527,471**	**104,202,645**	**89,948,201**	**42,830,951**	**114,985,781**

Total Income	114,985,781
Total Expense	(128,159,821)
Utilization of Funds	13,174,040
Surplus / (Deficit) TS Budget	0

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, ADYAR, CHENNAI 600 020
CAPITAL BUDGET 2023–2024 *(IN*

Particulars	Amount
Adyar Library and Research Centre	
One desktop computer	70,000
One server	120,000
Software downloads	50,000
Software for library management	75,000
Total	**315,000**
Adyar Nature and Environment Centre	
Fencing for butterfly garden	**100,000**
Bhojanasala / Leadbeater Chambers	
Heavy duty vacuum cleaner	**40,000**
General Manager's Office	
PC with Software, Printer	**90,000**
Security	
CCTV Cameras	50,000
Walkie Talkie phones	30,000
Total	**80,000**
Theosophical Publishing House and Editorial Office	
Windows - licensed version (7)	35,000
Scanning machine	50,000
Total	**85,000**
Vasanta Press	
Riso SF5350 machine - duplicator, printer	500,000
Heavy duty printer	40,000
Total	**540,000**
Besant Memorial Animal Dispensary	
Borewell, sump & water tank at BMAD	2,500,000
Fencing - BMAD	2,000,000
Total	**4,500,000**
TS Buildings and Infrastructure	
Building Improvements	
Bhaktha Vilas	2,000,000
Admin Bldg renovation*	2,000,000
New Classroom - Olcott School	2,000,000
Fencing - Olcott School	2,000,000
New ATA Classrooms in Kirby Gardens	10,000,000
Electrical Infrastructure	
CEIG Projects - lamp posts repl (Main)	3,000,000
Other CEIG projects	500,000
Plumbing Projects	
New Toilets & sanitation infra	500,000
Plant and Machinery	
Pumps & motors replacements	300,000
Total	**22,300,000**
Total Capital Expenditure	**28,050,000**
Less: Covered by Funds or known Donations	**-**
Capital Budget Deficit*	**28,050,000**

** To be covered by CSR funds and other donations*

HEADQUARTERS

ADYAR, CHENNAI 600 020

INDIA

OFFICERS AND HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS FOR 2021–22

Executive Committee:

1.	Mr Tim Boyd	*President*
2.	Dr Deepa Padhi	*Vice-President*
3.	Ms Marja Artamaa	*Secretary*
4.	Ms Nancy Secrest	*Treasurer*
5.	Mr Pradeep Gohil	*General Council Member*
6.	Mrs Jenny Baker	*General Council Member*
7.	Prof. C. A. Shinde	*General Council Member*
8.	Mr Jaikumar Kannan	*Member*
9.	Mr S. Harihara Raghavan	*Member* (*resigned March 2021*)
10.	Mr A. L. Somayaji	*Member*

General Manager		Mr Jaikumar Kannan
Adyar Library	*Director* (*Sanskrit Studies*)	Mrs Radha Raghunathan
	Librarian	Prof. C. A. Shinde
Editorial	*Head*	Mr Sukesh (from 29 July 2022)
Garden	*Acting Superintendent*	Mrs Vijaya Kumari
Housekeeping	*Superintendent*	Mrs Vijaya Ravindran
Leadbeater Chambers and Bhojanasala	*Superintendent*	Mrs Veena Ramachandran
Maintenance	*Deputy Superintendent*	Mr U. Elangovan
Medical Service	*Doctor*	Dr R. Revathy
Museum and Archives	*Officer in Charge*	Ms Jaishree Kannan
Sanitation	*Superintendent*	Mrs Vijaya Ravindran
School of the Wisdom	*Director*	Mrs Erica Georgiades
Security	*Superintendent*	Mr K. Ravindran
Theosophical Publishing House	*Manager*	Mr Jaikumar Kannan
Vasanta Press	*Manager*	Mr S. Baskar (from 1 Oct 2021)

OLCOTT EDUCATION SOCIETY

	Chairman	Mr Tim Boyd
	Secretary	Mr Jaikumar Kannan
	Treasurer	Mr T. S. Jambunathan
Olcott Memorial School	*Headmistress*	Mrs R. Lalita
	Director	Dr P. Thirumalai
Social Welfare Centre	*Manager*	Mrs R. Mythili
Vocational Training Centre	*Director*	Mrs Sudha Natarajan
Besant Memorial Animal Dispensary	*Coordinator*	Mr Shravan Krishnan
HPB Hostel	*Warden*	Ms Janaki

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS 2022

National Societies and Sections	26
Regional Associations (RA)	10
Presidential Agencies (PA)	14
Lodges Attached to Adyar	8
Total Lodges	912
Total Centres	163
Total Membership 2021	21,939
Total Membership 2022	24,103

	Section / RA / PA	Number of			*
		Lodges	Centres	Members	
1	Africa, East & Central	5	-	105	S
2	Africa, South	6	-	95	S
3	Africa, West	11	-	242	S
4	America, Central	2	1	13	R
5	Argentina	17	7	273	S
6	Asia, South-East	5	-	522	P
7	Australia	9	7	658	S
8	Austria	3	-	65	R
9	Bangladesh	6	-	102	P
10	Belgium	8	-	60	S
11	Bolivia	6	3	62	P
12	Brazil	33	24	625	S
13	Canada	5	2	111	R
14	Chile	3	-	54	R
15	Colombia	4	2	29	P
16	Costa Rica	4	-	62	P
17	Cuba	12	-	582	S
18	Dominican Rep.	2	2	49	P
19	England & Wales	23	3	514	S
20	Finland	19	2	306	S
21	France	22	-	176	S
22	Germany	7	3	132	S
23	Greece	9	1	126	S
24	Hungary	1	-	32	P
25	Iceland	9	-	239	S
26	India	480	1	11,549	S
27	Indonesia	11	-	252	S
28	Ireland	2	-	93	R
29	Italy	22	16	750	S
30	Mexico	12	4	163	S
31	Netherlands	10	7	360	S
32	New Zealand	12	5	513	S
33	Norway	1	1	15	R
34	Pakistan	No report			P
35	Peru	2	-	41	P
36	Philippines	21	6	167	S
37	Portugal	7	2	111	S
38	Puerto Rico	3	-	50	P
39	Russia	9	-	150	P
40	Scotland	3	1	84	R
41	Slovenia	4	2	56	R
42	Spain	13	9	346	S
43	Sri Lanka	3	-	182	P
44	Sweden	6	-	154	S
45	Switzerland	2	2	33	P
46	Togo	2	-	18	R
47	Ukraine	8	1	106	S
48	Uruguay	5	-	52	R
49	USA	33	48	3,434	S
50	Venezuela	2	-	16	P
	Total	904	162	23,929	

	Attached to Adyar	Lodges	Centres	Members	*
1	**Croatia**, Lotus	1		12	L
2	**France**, Ananda & Arc-de-	2	1	30	L
3	**Israel**, Covenant	1		60	L
4	**Paraguay**, Fraternidad	1		18	L
5	**Qatar**, Blavatsky	1		9	L
6	**Slovenia**, Blavastky	1		16	L
7	**USA**, Orlando	1		17	L
	Total	8	1	162	
	Fellows-at-Large	-		12	
	Grand Total	**912**	**163**	**24,103**	

* L= Lodge attached to Adyar, P=Presidential Agency, R= Regional Association, S= Section

THE ADYAR LIBRARY AND RESEARCH CENTRE (ALRC)

The Adyar Library and Research Centre has a great history as an international centre for both Eastern and Western cultural studies and for researches in philosophy, science, religion and art. Fulfilling the aim of its founder, Col. Henry Steel Olcott, the Centre hosts a collection of palmleaf manuscripts, lore of the East, and works of the intellectuals of the West. Currently, the main activity of the library is to digitize them and provide them to scholars in a readable form. *Brahmavidyā The Adyar Library Bulletin* is being published regularly. The Centre also publishes books and catalogues under the General series, Library series, and Pamphlet series.

Recent publications

1. *Brahmavidyā*, vol. 85 (2021) & vol. 86 (2022)
2. *Brahmavidyā*, vol. 87 (2023) is in the press now
3. *ALS* Nos 129 to 134 — catalogues of printed books at the library

Works in progress for publication

1. *Brahmavidyā*, vol. 88 (2024)
2. *Nārāyana Tīrtha's Sũtrārthabôdhinī Commentary on Yôgasũtra* — Ms T. M. Ramani
3. *Sundararāja's Unique Solutions on the Āpastambaśulbasũtra* — Smt. S. Lakshmi
4. *The Pioneering Spirit: Presidential Addresses by Dr Radha Burnier at The International Conventions of The Theosophical Society, Adyar 1980–2012* — Radha Burnier
5. *ALS* Nos 135 to 138 — catalogues of printed books at the library

Works selected for publication

1. *Kaulagajamarddana* — Lalitaalaalitha
2. *An Enquiry into Aruṇādhikaraṇanyāya* — in Sanskrit by Dr Mani Dravid Sastri with an exposition in English by S. Bhuvaneshwari
3. *Turīya and Beyond: A Hermeneutic Perspective of Tattuvarāyar's Soteriology in Cacivaṉṉa Pôtam* — Dr Radha Raghunathan

During the year, 1000 books were accessed and catalogued, 1200 books were added to the library's collection. The automation and digitization of books made it possible to provide scholars with scanned and xeroxed copies via post.

On 28 October 2021, Mr Hitesh Chandel, author of *Code of Citizen's Conduct*, visited ALRC with his team, gave a talk on 'self-actualization', and had a dialogue with intellectuals in the Library Hall.

The ALRC staff pays homage to Mrs Parvati Gopalaratnam, who passed away peacefully on 1 August 2022. She worked as Librarian for many years.

Prof. C. A. Shinde
Librarian

ADYAR THEOSOPHICAL ACADEMY

ATA switched from its online medium of instruction enforced by the pandemic and returned with much *joie de vivre* to its campus that now reverberates with 162 students from Nursery to Grade 5. Students were encouraged to maintain a connect with Nature by observing the elements at play and engaging in workshops such as the one by the Chennai Young Naturalists Network. The new academic year (2021-2022) began with a grand celebration of the school's third birthday and the first to be celebrated in person on campus. The festivities took place under the Banyan Tree decorated with handmade buntings, models of the school, and a wall of greeting cards. The day began with a prayer followed by a recital of poems, a special birthday song in Tamil, and a dance performance that the entire school shook a leg to. On India's 75th Independence Day, ATA hoisted the national flag and students put together a number of performances including a mime on the freedom movement, and a song on what the term "freedom" means. They showcased the toys of India, models capturing the evolution of the Indian railways, and landforms of India. Prof. C. A. Shinde, Librarian of Adyar Library, was the chief guest. A gamut of festivals Ganesh Chaturthi, Dussehra, Deepavali, Christmas were celebrated with much fanfare virtually.

Come 2022, and ATA welcomed both students and staff into its green midst. Students transitioned through a hybrid system of online and in-person schooling. Once back on campus, regular Nature walks to Nature journal expanded into learning ecological principles across grades. This was keenly captured in Celebration of Learning, the first major event post-pandemic. Grades 1 to 4 showcased their learning in the fields of geography, art, history, environmental conservation, ecology, languages, and nutrition. Visitors were enthralled by the displays and bowled over by the confidence and ease with which students presented them. Guests picked up several copies of the *Zentangle Birds Calendar* and *Nature Journal Log* created by Grade 2, and a collection of Poetry titled *Rhythm, Rhyme & Reason* penned by Grades 3 & 4. The final term of the academic year 2020-2021 was also marked by a special visit from the President of the TS, Tim Boyd. Students went on a number of field trips. An exchange program was set in motion for pupils of Grades 4 & 5 with their counterparts at The Peepal Grove School, Andhra Pradesh. They had a number of enriching interactions on waste management, soil health and composting, rescue operations of elephants in Indian jungles, and so on. A Grade 3 student was awarded by The Guindy Snake Park for his fundraising video created during the pandemic, urging the general public to support the institution in its time of dire need.

Educators upskilled themselves through "Zoetic Wellness Art Therapy", a workshop that focused on self-love, healing relationships, abundance mind-

set, and mindfulness; a workshop titled "Tickle your Story Bones" conducted by Rituparna Ghosh; a seminar on "Transformative Education" with Vicente Hao Chin, Jr; an introductory workshop on "Neuro-Linguistic Programming" (NLP) with Varsha Venkatraman; and a short course on the "Art of Storytelling" conducted by experts Noa Baum, Geeta Ramanujam, Vicky Ness, and Renu Narayan. ATA plans to expand with fresh classrooms for Grades 5 & 6.

Ms Sonal Murali
Administrator

BESANT MEMORIAL ANIMAL DISPENSARY

In 2022 BMAD was a beehive bustling with activity with countless rescues and new animals, big and small, joining the family. Hundreds of animal lives were saved through the synergy of rescuers and community caretakers, along with the spontaneous support of donors, and the commitment of the BMAD team. Of the 562 animals rescued, 338 were released and 34 were adopted. Innumerable surgeries for accident victims involving amputations, enucleation, fixations, and so on, were done. Specialized surgeries (225) for tumor removal, chemotherapy for dogs with transmissible venereal tumor (TVT), and intense treatment for critically ill and geriatric animals kept the team on their toes. The focus on animal birth control (ABC) continued unabated with 2348 ABCs done, an increase of close to a thousand from last year. The shelter as always was filled to the brim with critical rescues, surgeries, and out-patients (16,604), big, small, and winged. A new enclosure has been constructed for large animals. The pigs are loving their new safe space with their very own mud pool! Many critical surgeries were conducted for wildlife as well.

Mr Shravan Krishnan
Coordinator

BLAVATSKY MUSEUM

Work at the Museum during the year was again compromised by the controls introduced through the spread of Covid-19. No exhibitions were held as the museum remained closed. The "Dr Maria Montessori Collection" was rearranged in the Display Room; also the case displays were updated for occasional visitors. To satisfy the long-felt need for a library of museum-related books, many digitized texts and catalogues were collected affording a better insight into the items on display. These include Mughal and Rajput paintings, and Indian Renaissance canvasses, all from the Venkatachalam Collection. Selected items have been shown before; yet the need for more research remains for the future.

Dr Bernd Jesse
Curator

OLCOTT EDUCATION SOCIETY

Olcott Education Society continues to support all activities relating to OMHSS and other units.

At **Olcott Memorial Higher Secondary School** (OMHSS), Children's Day was conducted by their class teachers in their classrooms in order to observe the social gap. The teachers conducted a number of programs for the students to express their individuality. The 75 years of Indian independence were celebrated with Mr Saiseshan, president of Rotary Club of Chennai Mithra, as chief guest. The national flag was hoisted and endowment prizes were distributed to the top students in the 2021 public examination. Sixth graders were taken to see the parade of vehicles at the Light House in Chennai to understand the nobility of the martyrs of freedom. Class 12 students were given career guidance by Jain College students. The Achievement Children's Association Awards for talented children at the South Indian level, were presented to seven students for Silambam, Memory and Dance. The students participated in a program called "AIR Kids News", a news magazine for kids by kids showcasing their reading capability. A software package, "MI Kids" designed to improve Grades 1 to 5 students' ability to speak and read English, was installed in the school and teachers were trained. Class 7 students participated in International Yoga Day. Teachers were trained by Wipro on engaging children with craft and telling stories with background music.

The **Social Welfare Centre** (SWC) reopened in February 2022 after Covid-19. It caters to 35 young children with nutritious food and activities like rhymes, alphabets, colouring of pictures, and so on. Parents were apprised of the need to keep the children safe with clean habits. After two years the **Vocational Training Centre** (VTC) reopened in March 2022. About 12 new economically challenged students were admitted. Activities included embroidery work, checked napkins, cutting, tailoring etc. Emblem bags are being made for the TS International Convention. **HPB Hostel** reopened for a short period in December 2021 and on a regular basis from June 2022 with 10 students, all from OMHSS. It was shifted to Sunflower Apartments for safety and close monitoring. Breakfast and dinner are provided by the hostel.

Mr Jaikumar Kannan
Secretary

THE SCHOOL OF THE WISDOM

To assist students in better understanding the work of the School of the Wisdom, a list of suggested reading material was compiled and made available on <ts-adyar.org> website in English and Spanish as follows:

"The School of the Wisdom" by Jinarajadasa and Radha Burnier

"An Unending Path" by Tim Boyd
"Freedom of Thought and Freedom of Society"
"Freedom of Thought: Is it Essential?" by Linda Oliveira
"Why Freedom of Thought?" by Pedro Oliveir
"What is Truth?" by H. P. Blavatsky

During Sep. 2021-Sep. 2022 all SOW activities were organised online due to the pandemic, and in two languages, English and Spanish. Attendance was free of charge. All programmes are for members of the TS, around 10% of non-member requests are accepted. The SOW in English consisted of seven online courses, each ranging from six to eight online classes of two hours each, whilst the meditation classes were organized for three months, one hour a week. In October 2021 Linda and Pedro Oliveira conducted classes on "The Voice of the Silence: Inner Preparation for the Bodhisattva Path". In November, Ven. Olande Ananda Thera focused on "Mindfulness in Daily Life". In January 2022, Prof. P. Krishna facilitated "Right Living in Modern Society" and Ven. Olande Ananda Thera conducted three months meditation classes on "Keep on Being". Vic Hao Chin gave classes on "An Introduction to the Ageless Wisdom" in July. Dr Radha Raghunathan taught "The Fundamentals of Advaita Vedanta — A Lead-in to Vedanta, Cycle I" in August and "The Fundamentals of Advaita Vedanta — Tattva-Bodha, Cycle II" in September.

The Spanish SOW started in February with Dr Esteban R. Langlois, focusing on "Un Enfoque Teosófico" ("A Theosophical Approach"). In March, Dr Ricardo Lindemann focused on "El Yoga-Sũtra como Ciencia del Autoconocimiento" ("Yoga-Sũtra as the Science of Self-Knowledge"). Finally, Juliana Cesano conducted three months' meditations classes focusing on "Meditación: el por qué y el cómo según distintas tradiciones" ("Meditation: Why and How According to Different Traditions").

Joma Sipe from Portugal designed a beautiful certificate for SOW students. He sent a copy to the Adyar Museum. To receive the certificate, students are requested to attend 80% of the classes. Certificates are delivered to students in high resolution electronic format together with an article, by the artist, explaining its symbolism. To manage the SOW programmes, a worldwide team worked on updating the website, managing the students list, organising translators and hosting, making the banners, etc.

Mrs Erica Georgiades
Director

SURENDRA NARAYAN ARCHIVES

During the International Convention 2022, on 30 December, the archives were given a slot to present "Adyar Archives One Hundred Precious Years". Tim Boyd presiding over the function, highlighted the dedicated, selfless work associated with the Archives. The rich history of the Archives was narrated by Jaishree Kannan. The programme was more visual and much appreciated. On 17 February, the day the Archives was started, there was a celebration where Fritz Kunz's two rare audio recordings were played and received appreciation. About 93 spool tapes have been converted into digital form. These will be shared with members all over the world. About 20 enquiries or requests for documents/photographs were received.

Ms Jaishree Kannan
Officer in Charge

THE THEOSOPHICAL ORDER OF SERVICE

The Theosophical Order of Service (TOS) is present in 36 of the 59 countries where the TS is active. and has several outreach avenues. *TOS: Intouch Online* e-Newsletter, normally published quarterly, was on hiatus, and will resume soon. Activity continues to increase on the website, <international.theoservice.org>, and Facebook page, <facebook.com/tosinternational>.

Covid-19 has eased, and physical meetings have resumed in places. Still, online meetings and talks continue with worldwide access. Ironically, this has increased the reach to many more people than earlier. Programs were presented by India, the Philippines, Argentina, USA, Ukraine, and Adyar. TOS Director David Sztain of Canada retired, replaced by Seray Caglaron. The largest field of activity this year was the assistance by many TOS Sections/countries to refugees in Ukraine due to the war. The support financial and otherwise was overwhelming. Flood victims in Assam in India also received assistance. TOS India set up a Young Theosophists TOS group in Odisha region and opened a charity shop there. Various women's issues, educational and scholarship efforts, and youth involvement remain central issues worldwide. Most groups are also active in animal welfare and supplying humanitarian assistance. Almost all countries also have healing groups.

". . . to live to benefit mankind is the first step." HPB, *The Voice of the Silence*

Mrs Nancy Secrest
TOS Secretary

THE THEOSOPHICAL PUBLISHING HOUSE (TPH)

No report.

Mr K. Jaikumar
Acting Manager

REPORTS OF WORK

IN

NATIONAL SOCIETIES AND SECTIONS

REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

PRESIDENTIAL AGENCIES

LODGES ATTACHED TO ADYAR

(Where necessary, reports have been translated, edited or condensed)

NATIONAL SOCIETIES AND SECTIONS

AFRICA, EAST AND CENTRAL

Founded 1947, membership 105. The Section consists of four countries: Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, and Zambia. After a period of almost 2 years of no activity, theosophical activities have resumed slowly throughout East and Central Africa. An alternative to regular Lodge meetings has been to join online talks organized by other Sections. But very few members can do it because of lack of technological infrastructure and high cost of reliable Internet connectivity. The highlight of the year was the 49th Convention, themed "The World at the Threshold of Change", successfully hosted in April 2022 at the Nairobi Lodge premises by investing in online communication, enabling a hybrid meeting place. Navin Bharmal Shah, Pan African Theosophical Federation Chairman, presided. The keynote address was delivered by Tim Boyd, P. Krishna from India gave a public lecture on "Freedom from the Self" and Charlton Romero from the Philippines talked on "Papillon: On the Wings of Change".

Mr Narendra M. Shah
General Secretary

AFRICA, SOUTH

Founded 1909, membership 95. Attendance recovery after Covid-19 has been slow. Since August there were new visitors in Johannesburg and Pretoria but no new members as yet. A website is being set up to propagate Theosophy, publicize Lodge programmes, and attract new members. More meditation classes are planned at several Lodges including weekend retreats. The focus is more on traditional Theosophy and largely HPB's *Voice of the Silence*. Workshops are being planned at the Lodge level on I. K. Taimni's *The Way to Self-Discovery*. Reading material was sent to all members each month with focus on a particular body and its purification, sensitization, control, and development. This is a long-term programme and can include participation of members who are no longer able to attend Lodge meetings.

Mr Desmond Douglas Chapman
Deputy General Secretary

AFRICA, WEST

Founded 1956, membership 242. The TS in West Africa (TSWA) faces financial and membership challenges. Measures to attract and retain new and young members are being formulated such as usage of social media to transmit short

write-ups on how Theosophy addresses life issues using local examples. The Annual Convention not been held since 2017 due to General Secretary's ill-health and COVID happening in December 2022. Three new members joined the section in 2022 and many more will soon.

Dr Kwadwo Tutu
General Secretary

ARGENTINA

Founded 1920, membership 273. TS Argentina (TSA) continued the work of diffusion of Theosophy using the online platform in the context of the pandemic. The Facebook page, created in November 2019, went from 15,000 followers to almost 35,000 in one year. The National Virtual Study Group continued its work during the summer with only a short break at the end of the year. The TOS in Argentina also did an online interview with the leaders of TOS in France. Almost every Lodge returned to physical meetings. The Summer School was organized by TSA and the Theosophical Centre in San Rafael in January 2022, on "Spirituality and Self-Transformation — How do we create an opening to renew ourselves and live fully?" Members from different branches of the country attended and it was a beautiful experience after two years without physical meetings. The Winter School, "The Path of the Theosophist", was held in July 2022 at the San Rafael Theosophical Center. The National Meeting occurred at Río Cuarto with the theme, "The Mission of the TS through Time", and was attended by members from all over the country. This year, four books were printed in Spanish: *Pláticas Teosóficas, 2da. serie* by Juan Viñas, *La Luz Eterna* by Rohit Mehta, *El llamado a las Alturas* by Geoffrey Hodson, and *El poblamiento de la Tierra* by G. Barborka, also one more is being prepared for publication: *Hojas de un Viejo diario* by H. S. Olcott.

Mr Esteban Langlois
General Secretary

AUSTRALIA

Founded 1895, membership 658. The second half of 2021 was still severely affected by the Covid-19 restrictions. As 2022 unfolded, there was a new sense of optimism and a gradual revival of activities across the Lodges, Branches and groups. The Australian membership, including the many volunteers involved in committees and subcommittees have striven to keep the mission of our Society alive and well despite the many challenges of the past two years. In April 2022, the first School of Theosophy at the Springbrook Retreat Centre in Queensland since 2019 was conducted. Linda Oliveira and Pedro Oliveira presented the classes, which contemplated selected verses from *The Voice of the*

Silence. Planning for the annual Australian Convention to be held at St Mark's College at the University of Adelaide in January 2023 is underway. This is the first national Convention to be held since 2020.

Mr Stephen Mcdonald
General Secretary

BELGIUM

Founded 1911, membership 57 (2021). The Lodges continued regular activity, publishing newsletters and organising meetings, some hybrid and some in-person. National celebrations included White Lotus Day, Founder's Day, Adyar Day and Annie Besant Day. Study groups discussed works from Besant, Krishnamurti, Taimni, Barborka and Aryal Sanat regularly. Healing and peace meditations were jointly held with Belgian TOS. The members welcomed Dr Barbara Hebert, of the TS in America in June 2022 for her talk "Theosophy in Action: Dealing with Life's Difficulties".

Ms Sabine Van Osta
General Secretary

BRAZIL

Founded 1920, membership 625. TS in Brazil has 33 Lodges and 24 Study Groups and online work has been satisfactory in terms of dissemination of theosophical thought and acquiring 82 new members. The 41st Theosophical Summer School was held, on the theme "Karma and Regeneration — Lessons for the Present Moment". The 28th International Theosophical School and Winter Seminar was held on "Paths to the Encounter of Self". Both events had the participation of 139 registrants. People from other countries and international speakers such as Tim Boyd, Olande Ananda, and Erica Georgiades could participate with live translation. Study groups, meetings, and other events continued to be online. Some Lodges and study groups have resumed physical meetings, some continue with hybrid options, and the rest are still preparing for physical meetings. Several campaigns were run at national and regional level. The 94th issue of *Sophia* magazine completed 20 years of circulation this year. It is distributed via the main newsstands of the country and also has subscribers for the digital version. The Raja Center website will offer courses and make the theosophical school project viable.

Mr Sergio Carvalho de Moraes, Jr
General Secretary

CUBA

Founded 1905, membership 582. Interchange of information and theosophical studies was done via Whatsapp and Facebook, but in-person activities were also held when feasible. The quarterly, *Revista Teosófica Cubana*, was published without interruptions. The Annual Convention of the Cuban Section took place in January on the theme, "The Yoga of Beauty". Official TS commemorations were celebrated. The Summer School was held on 25 and 26 July with the theme, "Returning to the Great Sources". The studies were suspended during August and each lodge organized a public conference on various theosophical teachings on Saturdays. On 14 August, the 70th anniversary of the foundation of Lodge Devenir was celebrated.

Mr Fidel Carranza Macías
General Secretary

ENGLAND & WALES

Founded 1888 & 1922, membership 514. On 28 Sunday evenings, online lectures were held with an average participation of 50 people including non-members. Prof. Ravi Ravindra addressed the first actual meeting at HQ on *Yoga Sutras of Patanjali*. A monthly Link Meditation at the time of the full moon via Zoom was happening since September. Lodges and Centres continued to hold public meetings and private study groups, mostly hybrid. The 39th Congress of the Federation of Theosophical Societies in Europe (EFTS) took place after a delay of two years at the University of York on "Healing Oneself, Healing the World". It welcomed the three International Officers, Tim Boyd online, and Marja Artamaa and Nancy Secrest in person, as well as delegates from across the UK, Europe, and further afield including younger members. The event was live-streamed and is viewable on YouTube. The Spring Conference was also part of the events with the theme, "Tranquillity and Transformation". The TransPennine Conference took place after an absence of two years titled "Madame Blavatsky; The Light Bringer". There was an increase in visitors to the website and Facebook page. September saw the first issue of the redesigned quarterly magazine, *Esoterica*, distributed to all members, associates, and bookshops throughout the UK. Following the closure of TS Wales, all the Welsh members have joined the English Section, to be referred to as TS in England and Wales.

Mrs Jenny Baker
General Secretary

FINLAND

Founded 1907, membership 306. The main event of the year was the summer school in Kreivilä on 8–12 July with Pablo and Michele Sender from Krotona, USA on "The Masters of Wisdom and the Path of Discipleship". The Summer School received guests from Estonia, Sweden, Ireland, and Italy. There were other events in Kreivilä: a course on Music, Meditation, and Health and a symposium, "Love Unites". The Estonian Summer School arranged by the local Lodges was cancelled due to Covid-19. However, the annual winter seminar in Tartu in January and autumn study camp in Aegvidu in August were organised as usual. Finnish members participated in the online International Convention held this year. Members also participated in the Youth Gathering that was held in Naarden in June and in the European Congress in York. Headquarters in Helsinki had public lectures every Sunday throughout the year excluding the Christmas season. The theosophical library was open on Sundays when Sunday lectures were given. The Lodges studied basic Theosophy and other interesting subjects in line with Theosophy. Young members and friends of Theosophy continued regular meetings in Helsinki and online. TOS in Finland organized a spring festival to raise funds to support OMHSS, SWC, and the Boy's Hostel in Adyar. Email newsletters reach over 600 subscribers every three weeks. The Facebook page has more than 1000 followers. *Teosofi* magazine appears four times a year. *Letters from the Masters of the Wisdom, First Series*, collected and commented by C. Jinarajadasa was published in Finnish language with 300 copies. Audo material is made available in Soundcloud.

Mr Marko Kauppinen
Vice Chairman

FRANCE

Founded 1899, membership 329 (2016). In-person programmes resumed in spring 2022. Bi-monthly hybrid courses and online meditation sessions attracted many participants. The first silent retreat after the pandemic began in end April on "Discovering Happiness through Freeing Oneself of Fear". A symposium and public lectures, took place as well. Founders' Day, Adyar Day and White Lotus Day were celebrated by members and sympathizers. Online study group with the Belgian Section and Spanish members on *The Mahatma Letters* continued. A study group on fundamental teachings for new members continued to attract serious students. The National Convention on "How to Grow Spiritually in a Changing World?" took place in end June with Barbara Hebert from TS America as guest speaker. The online presence grew, via Facebook, Youtube and weekly e-newsletters attracting younger new members. Editions

Adyar launched a new website for shipping French-language theo-sophical and spiritual books the world over. The library was open to the public in October 2022. TSF magazine *Le Lotus Bleu* was published ten times.

Mrs Maxence Ondet
General Secretary

GERMANY

Founded 1902, membership 133. The Southern and Northern German Meetings, 2020/2021, could take place again after Covid-19. The main event of the year 2022 was the Summer School in July with the annual board and members' meetings. The guest of honour was Esther Pockrandt, who joined us online from Australia, for two lectures on the "First Stanza of Dzyan". The program was varied with many facets, so that there was something for everyone: we heard the speaker's point of view on the work of Jesus Christ, learnt about the pineal gland — our third eye, listened to the *Mahabharata* as an example of the causes of war, and watched some film clips of Indian Bollywood. "The Mysteries of an "Afterlife" and the "Constitution of the Inner Man" by H. P. Blavatsky were the topics of another talk. Discussions on artificial intelligence and whether it will be a step forward in evolution were held among the members. Study groups on the "Stanzas of Dzyan" and on "Tarot as the Hero's Journey", a parable for man's journey through life also took place. The work and meetings in our Lodges and study groups resumed again. *The Adyar Magazine* continues to be published thrice a year. The talks of Convention 2021 are being translated and a special magazine is planned in December 2022.

Mrs Manuela Kaulich
General Secretary

GREECE

Founded 1926, membership 126. From October 2021 to April 2022 only online joint Lodge meetings could be organized due to the lockdown. Since May 2022 it was possible to organize hybrid meetings in Athens. The TS official dates celebrations were held online. During the White Lotus Day celebration, members delivered speeches on HPB's life and read passages from the *Bhagavad-gitā* and from *The Light of Asia*. Our magazine *Ilisos* is being published every three months and posted to about 200 subscribers in Greece and abroad. Annie Besant's and C. W. Leadbeater's book *Talks on the Path of Occultism*, Volume 3 was published in Greek under the title: *The Art of Occultism, Comments on The Voice of Silence*. A new Lodge, Hyperion, was formed in September 2022.

Dr Alexandros Bousoulengas
General Secretary

ICELAND

Founded 1921, membership 280 (2022). No report.

Mr Jón Ellert Benediktsson
General Secretary

INDIA

Founded 1891, membership 11,549. The highlight of the year was the resolution for waiver of admission and annual dues of members, to facilitate more young members. The evolution of online lectures due to Covid-19, enabled thousands of participants especially youth as delegates as well as speakers resulting in 132 programs in various languages being organized, including group discussions, special lectures, seminars, and youth programs. The Section HQ was never closed this year. Another highlight was the publication of the magazine, *Indian Theosophist*, in Hindi enhancing the readership. The 2021 "Dr Radha Burnier Award for the Theosophist of the Year" was given to U. S. Pandey, President of UP & Uttarakhand Federation.

The 130th Convention was held online in December 2021 with International Vice-President, Deepa Padhi in the chair and Tim Boyd giving the inaugural address. Annie Besant's 174th birth anniversary was celebrated in October 2021 highlighting her contribution in various fields. Linda Oliveira spoke on "Annie Besant and the Way of the Warrior". The second annual "Dr Radha Burnier Lecture" was given online by Deepa Padhi, in October 2021, on the theme, "Radha Burnier and Practical Theosophy".

The annual North India Study Class was organized online for 3 days in October 2021. Tim Boyd spoke on "Personality and the Inner Life: Tuning the Soul's Instrument". The 146th Foundation Day was celebrated online and Ricardo Lindemann from Brazil spoke on "Wisdom: The Inspiration of the Founders' Challenge". Adyar Day was observed online, with the theme, "Theosophy and Truth". The 98th Easter Conference was held in April 2022 on the theme, "From the Known to the Unknown". White Lotus Day was observed in the Annie Besant Hall, the first offline program after Covid-19. Only two Federations were able to con-duct Study Camps at the Himalayan Study Centre, Bhowali, in summer 2022 due to travel restrictions. The Young Indian Theosophist Group organised 50 online sessions.

The website <theosophy-india.org> contains information on the Section and upcoming programmes. TOS has begun to directly reach out to the needy communities this year.

Mr Pradeep H. Gohil
General Secretary

INDONESIA

Founded 1912, membership 252. All the events at the Theosophical Society in Indonesia continue to be conducted through online means.

Mr Widyatmoko
General Secretary

ITALY

Founded 1902, membership 750. The activities of the TS in Italy (TSI) were still affected by Covid-19; however, it was possible to restart the activities in person. The website <teosofica.org> is constantly updated and attracts many visitors. The online presence is also via Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter including the activities of the TOS. A YouTube channel fulfils the dual purpose of live-streaming and hosting recordings of the various events. A monthly newsletter reaches over 4,500 subscribers. The Young Theosophists are very active. TOS promotes projects both in Italy and abroad, including Ukraine. Books published this year were *Education as Service* by J. Krishnamurti, *Invisible Helpers* by C. W. Leadbeater, and *The Impersonal Life* by Joseph Benner. The 107th Congress was held in June 2022 in Vicenza in hybrid mode on "Theosophy and the Spiritual Masters". The Ascona Theosophical Seminary was held in March 2022, jointly with the European Federation of Theosophical Societies and the Swiss TS on the theme "There Is No Way to Peace; Peace is the Way". Two editions of the "Introductory Course on Theosophy and the TS" were held with 70 participants. The recurring event, "Wednesdays with the Theosophical Society" is popular with about a hundred participants. It aims to provide information and insight into the theosophical reality and a chance to learn more. So far 33 events have been organized with 18 this year.

Mr Antonio Girardi
General Secretary

MEXICO

Founded 1919, membership 120 (2020). The Mexican Section has 12 Lodges and 4 study groups which meet at least once a week. Three times a week, two of the Lodges and one study group hold talks open to the public. An intense work of dissemination of Theosophy is being carried out through the following channels: the website <sociedadteosofica.mx>, two Facebook pages <facebook.com/teosofiamx> and <facebook.com/teosofia.blavasky> and three YouTube channels where the videos of the talks given in the lodges are uploaded, Teosofía en México, Sección Mexicana de la Sociedad Teosófica, and Sociedad Teosófica en México. Propagation is also done via the magazines *Teotlsofia*, *Dharma*, *Duda* and the *Magazine of the Inter-American Theosophical Federation*.

Ms Juana Leonor Maldonado Ruiz
General Secretary

THE NETHERLANDS

Founded 1896, membership 360. The Dutch Section has a close association with the International Theosophical Centre (ITC) in Naarden, the "European Home" of the TS. All national activities during 2019–2022 were under the umbrella theme, "Exploring the Powers Latent in Humankind", the third Object. Due to Covid-19 the event planned for December 2021 on "The Supernatural" was post-poned to October 2022. Other events were "Working with Energies" in October 2021, "Death as Part of Life" in February 2022, and "Life after Death" in April 2022. In June 2022, the International Seminar was held at ITC Naarden on "Exploring Powers Latent in Humankind", as also the ITC-hosted Silent Retreat, "Spiritual Powers in Humankind", with Trān-Thi-Kim-Díeu. Information about the TS in Netherlands was provided via the website <theosofie.nl>. A bi-monthly newsletter was sent to more than 1000 subscribers. In September 2022 a special book, *Zijn is* (*Being is*), by Jaap Vos, was published. The quarterly magazine, *Theosofia,* was published. Lodges and centres continued their studies.

Mr Wim Leys
General Secretary

NEW ZEALAND

Founded 1896, membership 513. The year's activities in the Section were a mix of online and in-person meetings focused on exploring Theosophy, science, and meditation themes. The Annual Convention was replaced by online seminars due to Covid-19, one series every Sunday from January to April 2022 that included several international presenters, and the other series in June-July 2022 on the theme, "Science and the Ancient Wisdom/Theosophy". The School of Theosophy was held in August on "Exploring Meditation Practice and the Science of Self-Realisation". Immersion Weekends were held in September with the theme, "Everything Arises, and Everything Passes". Branch seminars that focus on the core foundations of Theosophy continued to be conducted by the National President and Vice-President. Several members received aid during the year to attend national events. "Theosophy in Today's World", an online course exploring theosophical perspectives on Divine Wisdom, has been made available at <udemy.com>. The free online course comprises seven short video lessons. Theosophical Publishing House, Auckland, published the following books during the year: *Initiates, Initiations, and the Path*, *Bible Allegories Unveiled*, and *Poems of Bliss* all by Geoffrey Hodson. *Mystical Christianity*, an ebook, was published on <Theosophy.World>. *TheoSophia* magazine continues to be popular.

Mr John Vorstermans
General Secretary

THE PHILIPPINES

Founded 1933, membership 167. Due to Covid-19, various activities were conducted online. The National Convention was held online in November 2021, with the theme "Living the Theosophical Life in the World Today". From February 2022 the THEOxSophia talks were introduced every first Saturday of the month as short talks that encourage speakers to make presentations shorter than a regular lecture followed by a discussion in which the participation is given to the attendees mainly. Every second Saturday of the month the TOS has an online meeting to inspire and exchange ideas in the service area. Each third Saturday of the month, regular online joint Lodge meetings continue to be conducted that include foreign speakers and attendees as well. The fourth Saturday of each month is reserved for the FreeSpace Youth Center activities that cover topics/activities popular amongst the youth. Every first Sunday a classic guided meditation is conducted followed by a lecture. On Wednesdays the midweek meditation aims to create a training space for those interested in the subject. Every second and fourth Sunday of the month community yoga takes place. A joint activity with the Russian Section happens during the Russian Wisdom School over four Saturdays with Philippine speakers' translations into Russian. Some Lodges have smaller online activities once in a while. Regular issues are published of *The Theosophical Digest*, *The Philippine Theosophist* and *Peace Ideas*. Singapore Lodge Theosophical Society (SLTS) was given limited license to print some of Geoffrey Hodson's books. The Golden Link College celebrated its 20th anniversary this year. TOS continued various service works such as feeding programs and assistance during calamities such as typhoons. The propagation work continues through Facebook, website, and YouTube.

Mr Charlton Jules Romero
General Secretary

PORTUGAL

Founded 1921, membership 111. The Section maintained regular activities, online and in person, along with the traditional celebration of the commemorative days of the TS. These sessions were organized in various formats, from traditional public talks to panels and discussion groups covering a wide variety of themes. The website continues to be informative about the history and activities. A regular newsletter is also published. Social networks were used to reach a larger public.

Mr Carlos Guerra
General Secretary

SPAIN

Founded 1921, membership 346. During the year, the Section gradually resumed its in-person activities, but the online connection is still very important. Basic courses for beginners on Theosophy were offered and texts were made available in Spanish. Study and meditation were the content of retreats and sessions in many Branches. The third complementary activity, service, was active through the efforts of the TOS. Three main annual activities were organised: Silent Retreat, Iberian Days and Summer School. The 15th Silent Retreat was held online in December 2021, led by the President of the EFTS, Ms Trān-Thi-Kim-Diễu, attended by 75 participants, on the theme, "The Secret Keys to Spiritual Growth". The Iberian Days (Jornadas ibéricas), in April 2022, were hosted by Portugal, on "Who Are We?" with around a hundred participants from Portugal, Spain, and some American Sections. The centenary of the Spanish Section was celebrated during the Summer School attended by 70 people.

Mrs Angels Torra-Buron
General Secretary

SWEDEN

Founded 1895, membership 154. The quarterly magazine, *Tidlös Visdom* (Timeless Wisdom) is freely distributed to members. Study groups, lectures, member gatherings, commemorations of TS official dates were all held at the Swedish Section. The Summer School was done in a beautiful place in the Archipelago near Stockholm on "To Live in the Now". Pablo and Michele Sender visited in June for two days. The book-shop in Stockholm was open thrice a week except for the summer break. The website <teosofiskasamfundet.se> and the Facebook group, as well as the new YouTube channel, continued to be active to spread the lectures. A school project in Goa, India, called "Mango Tree", continued to be supported, for children from slum areas.

Mrs Birgitta Skärbo
General Secretary

UKRAINE

Founded 2013, membership 106. In spite of the war with Russia, the work of the Ukrainian Section (TSU) did not stop; in fact it became more intensive. Meetings were held in all Branches and classical theosophical literature was studied. In November 2021, the 18th National Convention, themed "Cycles of Awareness", took place online. The main events of the year were "Herald of Light Day" on 12 August and the "191st birth anniversary of HPB", broadcast via Facebook. The School of Lecturing Skills was started to encourage young lecturers

and improve the training of existing lecturers of the Society. The new Telegram social network was established to attract a new audience. Scientific Group was active during the year. Two issues of the bilingual (Ukrainian-English) electronic magazine *Theosophy and Science* were published. During the year, 17 publications and more than 30 speeches, lectures, reports were made. The Education Department held three online events. The electronic magazine *Svitoch* had 6 issues available on the website. From April 2021, a monthly e-newsletter *NOVYNY TSU* (TSU NEWS) began to be published, with information about the work of individual cells, operational news, and invitations to various events. The website <theosophy.in.ua> continues its work; each Branch has its own page on the website. A group of TSU translators participated in a joint project with Russian theosophists in the translation and electronic edition of *The Theosophist* into Russian. The TOS was particularly active and included assistance to refugees, internally displaced persons, residents of territories liberated from occupation, children, disabled people, the wounded in hospitals, and animals. The Order of Healing operates regularly conducting weekly healing rituals, as well as a special ritual to help the souls of those killed in war. A psychological help group which works through Telegram has been created. Group meditation is also held with the support of international members of TS.

Mrs Svitlana Gavrylenko
General Secretary

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Founded 1886, membership 3434. During the year much time and energy were spent discussing options for achieving goals and expanding outreach. National secretary and General Secretary met quarterly with Lodge and study centre leaders for a sense of community and to share information between groups. Many Lodges and study centres have returned to in-person meetings. National speakers provided 75 programs for local groups, 46 Thursday-evening lectures available on YouTube, 37 online workshops, 21 online classes of four weeks or more, 3 online study groups, and almost 5,000 registrations for the above programs. The staff worked to expand outreach using a variety of online platforms. The audiovisual department's programs on Theosophy and related subjects, are available on the website, and YouTube, Facebook, and Vimeo channels. Last year, 185 new video programs were shared across these media outlets. Facebook contains 291 free video recordings, YouTube has over 119,000 subscribers, with almost 12.2 million views since the channel's inception. Several programs were uploaded to Vimeo for purchase. The Archives Department answered requests for information from academic researchers, members, and the general

public on various topics. During the year, the TSA site in <archive.org> had almost 30,000 hits. <Theosophy.wiki> received almost 40,000 page views per month by 15,000 users. The existing server infrastructure was upgraded. Olcott Memorial Library reopened to the public in September 2021 and welcomed back 106 people. Around 500 members received monthly national lodge papers for study. *Quest* magazine articles focus on theosophical content and TSA activities. The Theosophical Publishing House, Wheaton produced sixteen audiobooks available through Amazon/ Audible. The Prison Program issued over 500 certificates of completion since the program's inception.

Dr Barbara Hebert
General Secretary

REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

AMERICA, CENTRAL

Founded 1929, membership 13. Formed by the Teotl Lodge and the Blavatsky Study Centre, courses were conducted on *The Secret Doctrine* by HPB, *At the Feet of the Master* by J. Krishnamurti *and Light on the Path* by Mabel Collins. Since February 2021, the study has been broadcast on Facebook Live. An I"ntroductory Course of Theosophy was conducted as also conferences and discussions on Radha Burnier's *Human Regeneration*.

Mrs Beatriz Elisena Martinez Pozas
Organizing Secretary

AUSTRIA

Founded 1891, membership 65. All the three Lodges offered weekly lectures throughout the study year. Study subjects were based on classical theosophical teachings and related subjects. Lectures were regularly placed on the TS Austria website. In JulyAugust 2022 some members attended the Summer School of the German TS. The members of the Austrian Section receive the *Adyar* magazine from the German TS, published three times a year.

Mr Albert Schichl
Organizing Secretary

CANADA

Founded 1924, membership 111. Although this year has been much easier and the pandemic is less and less, it was possible to focus on the preparation work, complete the website, create the Facebook page and the YouTube channel. With these new tools, the promotion of events at the national level has started to introduce the theosophical teachings to new people and have training sessions for our members all over the country since distance is no longer an obstacle. The Annual General Assembly and Annual Convention were held online. A seminar on *The Solar System* was presented, and as usual White Lotus Day was celebrated.

Mr Robert Béland
Organizing Secretary

CHILE

Founded 1920, membership 54. The study activities of the Branches were carried out online, by most of the members. In September 2021, the HQ was reopened for members only. From 2022, the "Basic Theosophy" courses for newcomers and non-members resumed. The annual motto was "Compassion, Inner

Work to Life". The official TS celebrations were held both in-person and online. The three Lodges, Arundhati, Amor, and Santiago, continued their work, basing their studies on books like *First Principles of Theosophy* by Jinarajadasa, *The Key to Theosophy* by HPB, and *The Science of Yoga* and *Self-Culture* by Taimni. Presentations were carried out by some members and the first national public conference occurred in August 2022. The Education Department offered two introductory courses of Theosophy for the public. Each course is made up of 5 classes given on a rotating basis, at the end of which the attendees can choose to join the TS. An internal members' group focused study on *The Secret Doctrine.* Members joined the Spanish courses of the SOW at TS Adyar and other global online classes.

Mr Víctor Aguayo Acuña
Organizing Secretary

IRELAND

Founded 1919, membership 93. In addition to study notes, messages, and quotations from inspiring texts, members had the opportunity to join online programmes, receive online magazines and have access to communications from Adyar, European School of Theosophy, TS Philippines, Krotona, TS in Ukraine and the Russian TS. In the last two years 13 members joined via the <theosophyireland.com> website. In May 2022, the 15th All Ireland Theosophical Convention on "Thought-Power and its Higher Potential" was held in Dublin in person. In-person theosophical programmes restarted consisting of talks by members and study based on inspiring theosophical texts.

Ms Marie Harkness
Organizing Secretary

NORWAY

Founded 1913, membership 15. Stroemmen is the active local group of the TS in Norway. Apart from that, the Dharma Lodge collaborates holds a monthly lecture related to the course programme from "Theosophical World Resource Centre". There are also some individual members. Since Covid-19, the Lodge has held its activities online. In-person meetings have resumed retaining the online option. Topics studied were the three objects of the TS, the Constitution of Man, John of the Cross, Sacred geometry in dreams, Reincarnation, Death and after death, the Upanishads, among others.

Mr Audun Solberg
Organizing Secretary

SCOTLAND

Founded 1910, membership 84. The last year, despite the initial lack of lodge activity, the membership remained constant. The Lodges continued to have public meetings online and attendance increased to normal levels in response

to a varied and interesting programme covering theosophically related subjects such as "Quantum Physics and Human Consciousness", "The Spiritual Dimension to Performance Art", Astrology, Alchemy, Sacred Geometry and "The Powers Latent Within".

Mr Gary Kidgell
Organizing Secretary

SLOVENIA

Founded 1992, membership 56. Theosophical Society in Slovenia (TSS) has four Lodges and two Study Centres. The work took place at meetings in the Lodges and also once a week online, a total of 32. Online meetings are preferred for the future so that members from all Lodges can attend the meetings. All memorial days were organized and celebrated at the Society level online: Annie Besant's birthday, Foundation Day, and Adyar Day. The White Lotus Day celebration was the first opportunity for the members to meet physically after Covid-19. TSS publishes the magazine, *Theosophical Thought*, in digital format and has its website <teozofskodrustvo.si>.

Mrs Irena Primc
Organizing Secretary

TOGO

Founded 1997, membership 18 (2022). No report.

Mr Kouma Dakey
Organizing Secretary

URUGUAY

Founded 1925, members 52. The online activities during the Covid-19 period are beginning to go hybrid twice a week. The books studied were *The Secret Doctrine* and *Principles of Learning* by J. Krishnamurti. Videos followed by group discussion was regular in the branches. An online library was maintained via the website where books and magazines from Spanish-speaking countries were shared. No public conferences were organized, but members could attend the conferences organized by the Inter-American Federation and various Sections. TOS Uruguay continued focus on ticket collection for wheelchair donation, plastic cap collection for animal shelter donation, and Chi Kung classes for a healthier lifestyle.

Mrs Ema Ma. de Souza Leal
Organizing Secretary

PRESIDENTIAL AGENCIES

ASIA, EAST AND SOUTH-EAST

Founded 1990, membership 522. The Agency consists of the four countries, Singapore, Malaysia, Japan, and Myanmar. Although there is no physical presence in China, it is the area of greatest growth. This is the result of propagation undertaken by the Singapore Lodge which operated pretty much the same as in previous years with weekly meetings. "A Course in Theosophy" was conducted twice last year with the twin objects of imparting knowledge of Theosophy and induction of new members. The Lodge focused on an informative Chinese website, a public blog (Asia Theosophy) publishing books in series and uploading videos, a Facebook account, an online bookstore, book translation, video lectures in Chinese and Chinese subtitling. "A Course in Theosophy" was broadcast online in Chinese. Two WeChat groups were hosted. Monthly online lectures in Chinese on theosophical subjects will be conducted online in future. The Selangor Lodge in Malaysia was open every Saturday to members and to the public. Members participated in the online meetings organized by the Philippines.

Mr Chong Sanne
Presidential Representative

BANGLADESH

Founded 2013, membership 65 (2019). During the pandemic period, some members joined the online activities of TS Adyar, TS Philippines, TS India, and others. Joint meetings of the Lodges were organized.

Mr Subrata Chowdhury
Presidential Representative

BOLIVIA

Founded 1965 1910, membership 62. At present the TS in Bolivia has 3 Centres and 6 Branches including the return of the Khana Wara branch. Fraternal work was carried out, with special attention to study, research, and dissemination. In September 2022 a national library of the TS, "Dora Crespo" was inaugurated. Most of the books belonged to Mr Boris de Zirkoff, who had given them to his disciple, Ms Dora Crespo, who in turn moved them to Cochabamba and donated them to the TS in Bolivia.

Ms María Luisa Cabrera Padilla
Presidential Representative

COLOMBIA

Founded 1937, membership 29. In spite of the pandemic, effort was put in to promote study groups. The Bogotan study groups broadcast their weekly activities online to other cities, like Medellin, Pasto, Cartagena, Villa de Leyva, and Armenia. Online links were established with the Inter-American Theosophical Federation, the Node of Theosophical Outreach at national and inter-American levels, and Spain. Introductory courses to Theosophy for newcomers resulted in many active members and serious students of Theosophy. Meetings were held every Friday with special lecturers, international members, and other spiritual societies. The online quarterly magazine, *Selección Teosófica,* reached issue #409 and has a global reach. The print version will resume in 2023. Forty-eight texts were published in the *Colombian Theosophical Pamphlet* and also distributed online globally.

Mr Armando Motta Zapata
Presidential Representative

COSTA RICA

Founded 1997, membership 62. TS in Costa Rica has 4 Lodges and have continued their activities online. They have promoted the study of books, arranged for lectures to be delivered to members by international speakers, and celebrated international TS festivities. An "Introductory Course on Theosophy" was organized online. Later, the need for physical interaction led to the implementation of hybrid sessions. A new quarterly magazine, *Sīla — Revista costarricense de Teosofía*, was born, and two numbers published.

Mrs Cecilia Calderón
Presidential Representative

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Founded 1987, membership 49. Members participated in the commemorations of the TS official dates with the Inter-American Theosophical Federation. The introductory and advanced courses of Theosophy delivered online using the Socratic methodology were attended by around 40 students. In November 2021 Gabriel Burgos gave the talk, "Life After Death", based on his book *An Approach to Theosophy*. He also gave a closing talk in March 2022 for students moving to the advanced level. In-person seminars were held such as "The Awakening of the Consciousness", "The Theosophical Work", and "The Keys of Inner Knowledge". In October 2021, "The Maturity of the Soul: Fulfilling the Purpose of Life" was facilitated by Isaac Jauli and Enrique Reig. The OTS group meets every week to perform the Healing Ritual on Wednesdays. In October 2021, the construction of the Center for Theosophical Study was announced, with the presentation of the design and plans. The land was obtained thanks to the donation of a family of Theosophy students.

Mrs Magaly Gracia de Polanco
Presidential Representative

HUNGARY

Founded 1907, membership 32. The Lodge has only 22 members with monthly meetings; the rest are members at large. TS in Hungary has started spreading theosophical knowledge in Slovakia and in the mostly Hungarian-speaking areas of Romania, Transylvania. MA-TESZ, the Hungarian branch of the TOS, played an important role in supporting the refugees from Ukraine. They also carried on the Virtual Healing Group. There were 15 public lectures both online and in person. The Youtube video channel, "Hidden Side of Our World" offers around 108 lectures offered to the public, having 2300 registered members. Three new audiobooks were published and more are being prepared. Several contemporary theosophical articles have been translated to Hungarian. There was a public celebration of the 115th anniversary of the founding of the Hungarian TS. As a part of building contacts with other theosophists around the world, one member gave an online lecture in the 2021 International Youth Convention, while others contributed in other ways to run the event. A new printed book is being prepared for Hungarian publication: *Practical Spirituality*, by John Sell.

Ms Adrienne Nagyiday
Presidential Representative

PAKISTAN

Founded 1948, membership not available. No report.

Mr Bhagwan Bharvani
Presidential Representative

PERU

Founded 1924, membership 41. The two Lodges conducted their studies, important celebrations, and public talks online. A total of 16 public talks was held in TS Peru during the year. Two main courses were offered: "Basic Course of Theosophy" in November 2021 and "Basics of Esoteric Philosophy" from February to April 2022.

Mr Julio Gerardo Pomar
Presidential Representative

PUERTO RICO

Founded 1925, membership 50. Due to Covid-19 and weather restrictions, most of the meetings were held online, but slowly the meetings are beginning to happen in person. The TS in Puerto Rico offers a Sunday conference of varied themes related to theosophical thought. Lodge "Universal Flame studied" *The Seven Dimensions of Man* by Pablo Sender. Lodge "Voice of the Silence" has been studying *Self-Culture in the Light of Occultism* by I. K. Taimni. The members also participated in the Gaspar Torres Martinez online seminars from Krotona and the ones by Inter-American Theosophical Federation.

Mrs Magaly Gracia de Polanco
Presidential Representative

RUSSIA

Founded 2013, membership 135 (2019). The All-Russian online lecture series continued. Fifty-one meetings were held, including ten with international speakers. A project called "Reading H. P. Blavatsky's Articles Together" was started. TS Russia and TS Ukraine had a meeting, "On the Way to Peace" in April 2022, symbolic of the concern about the war. The 10th All-Russian Theosophical Conference was held in April 2022. The weekly online meditation course "Theosophy and Life" continued. A new project, "Musical Meditations", with monthly sessions of classical music and elements of astrology was started. The Russian translation of *The Theosophist* magazine was published regularly. In July 2022, a joint event with TS Philippines, "Wisdom School 2022" was held dedicated to the Gurus of Humanity and the Spiritual Way. After a long break, the Theosophical Forum in Smolensk resumed work in June 2022 as a Nature summer camp. A meeting was held for the first time in Moscow as a live meeting dedicated to the New Year. The National Congress of Theosophical Commission in Russia took place in November 2021 on "The Importance of Theosophical Fellowship". TS Russia has presence in the social networks, Face-book, Vkontakte, and Telegram. Over 400 new videos have been uploaded to <youtube.com/Theosophy>.

Mr Alexey Besputin
Presidential Representative

SRI LANKA

Founded 1926, membership 182 (2017). No report.

Mr D. A. L. Wanigasekera
Presidential Representative

SWITZERLAND

Founded 1910, membership 33. After two years of forced interruption, the traditional meeting of the European Theosophical Seminar in Ascona organised in March 2022 by the Swiss TS and the Italian TS was held on the theme, "There is no way to Peace — Peace is the Way". It was an opportunity for Italian and Swiss members to meet again in person. Lec-tures, in-depth discussions and a Q&A session were presented. Internet activities include articles on *Ticino's* online blog/magazine <teosofia.ch>, Face-book <face book.com/groups/teosofi/> and recently Twitter <twitter.com/teosofia _ch> with 585 followers. The website explaining the influence of Theosophy on world art <theosophyart.wordpress.com> is popular. The Italian theosophical magazine and the books *The Fire of Creation* (Van der Leuw) and *The Discipleship Trail* (A. Besant) were distributed free. The Ticino "Fraternitas" group in Ascona met weekly. The Ticino online and chat group is now being closed to switch back to in-person meetings. The The Geneva

Group works regularly and studied *Self-Culture* by Taimni, *The First and Last Freedom* by Krishnamurti, among others. Online activities and meetings in 2022 were held three Wednesdays a month. The "Hermès" group in Wädenswil (Canton of Zurich) also meets every week.

Mr Andrea Biasca-Caroni
Presidential Representative

VENEZUELA

Founded 1953, membership 16. At present the two lodges meet every Sunday from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, with half an hour of meditation for peace, considering the special circumstances of the country. Studies done were based on the following books: *The Bhagavadgitā* by Annie Besant and Swami Vivekananda, *Quantum physics and Emotions* by Ana Belén López Solano, *The Mahabharata*, *The Secret Doctrine*. This was online, every Monday, with Isaac Jauli. *Letter of the Masters* was studied online every Tuesday, with Enrique Reig.

Mrs Nelly Nouel
Presidential Representative

LODGES ATTACHED TO ADYAR

KHANA WARA LODGE (BOLIVIA)

Membership 25 (2021). The Lodge returned to Presidential Agency of TS in Bolivia on 22 January 2022.

Dora Camacho
Lodge President

LOTUS LODGE (CROATIA)

Membership 14 (2021). No report.

Mr Ninoslav Volaj
Lodge Secretary

ARC-EN-CIEL AND ANANDA LODGES (FRANCE)

Membership 30. Adyar Day was celebrated jointly with a lecture on Annie Besant, and White Lotus Day by reading extracts from various books. The Arc-en-ciel lodge continues its regular meetings and study of Lester Smith's *Intelligence Came First.* Ananda lodge's members gather on a regular basis to study *First Principles of Theosophy* by C. Jinarajadasa. Both Lodges are part of the Center for Studies and Theosophical Research in Marseilles that worked in partnership with the Theosophical Association in Quebec (Canada) to conduct video conferences on *The Secret Doctrine*.

Mr Jean Iozia and Mrs Brigitte Iozia
Lodge Presidents

COVENANT LODGE (ISRAEL)

Membership 60. The Lodge held online weekly study sessions every Sunday on topics such as "Theosophy and the Development of Intuition", "Microcosm and Macrocosm", "Mindfulness", etc. Monthly study sessions on *The Secret Doctrine*, and public lectures were conducted. In-person seminars were held in different locations in November 2021, April 2022, and June 2022. The Hebrew translation of Annie Besant's book *In the Outer Court* was published. The YouTube channel has around 50 videos on various theosophical topics. The Lodge reaches 800 people by email and 2300 via Facebook.

Mr Abraham Oron
Lodge President

FRATERNIDAD LODGE (PARAGUAY)

Membership 18. Twenty-five online meetings were held from October 2021 to September 2022 via WhatsApp and Google Meet. The library has two hundred books on theosophical topics by different authors. It also has the support of the members' libraries. The Lodge has weekly study meetings on various theosophical books and subjects. Social media presence includes Facebook and its website <sociedadteosofica.org.py>.

Sr Blas Osvaldo Añazco Lopez
Lodge President

H. P. BLAVATSKY LODGE (QATAR)

Membership 9 (2017). No report.

Ganesh Shenoy
Coordinator

BLAVATSKY LODGE (SLOVENIA)

Membership 15 (2019). No report.

Ms Tatjana Ruzic
Lodge General Secretary

ORLANDO LODGE (USA)

Membership 17. To continue the theosophical work during Covid-19 the "Home Lodge Study Program" was instituted where members put aside a specific time on 1st and 3rd Fridays each month to "meet mentally" and continue the normal program Schedule, followed up by emails and group calls for questions and discussions. The books studied were Geoffrey Hodson's *Yoga of Light* and *First Principles of Theosophy* by C. Jinarajadasa. The "Healing Circle" met every 4th Friday. The quarterly newsletter *Theosophy Today* was distributed to around 1400 addresses.

Mr Carl Metzger
Lodge President

INTERNATIONAL DIRECTORY

AND

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

OF THE

GENERAL COUNCIL

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MINUTES

Theosophical Society General Council Meeting on 30 December 2022 at Adyar, Conference Hall and via Zoom meeting from 8:30 am IST

P R E S E N T

Mr Tim Boyd	*President*
Mrs Deepa Padhi	*Vice-President*
Ms Marja Artamaa	*Secretary*
Ms Nancy Secrest	*Treasurer*
Mrs Linda Oliveira	*Additional Member*
Ms Trān-Thi-Kim-Diễu	*Additional Member; proxy from GS France, ZOOM*
Mr Vicente Hao Chin, Jr	*Additional Member; after break, ZOOM*
Mrs Patrizia Moschin Calvi	*Additional Member; proxy from GS Italy*
Mr Marcos de Resende	*Additional Member*
Mr Vinayak Pandya	*Additional Member*
Prof. C. A. Shinde	*Additional Member*
Mr Narendra Shah	*General Secretary, Africa East and Central*
Mr Leandro Cesano	*General Secretary, Argentina, ZOOM*
Mr Stephen McDonald	*General Secretary. Australia*
Mrs Sabine van Osta	*General Secretary, Belgium, ZOOM*
Mr Sergio Moraes	*General Secretary, Brazil, ZOOM*
Mrs Jenny Baker	*General Secretary, England, ZOOM*
Mrs Manuela Kaulich	*General Secretary, Germany, ZOOM*
Mr Alexandros Bousoulengas	*General Secretary, Greece*
Mr Pradeep Gohil	*General Secretary, India*
Mrs Juana Leonor Maldonado Ruíz	*General Secretary, Mexico, ZOOM*
Mr Wim Leys	*General Secretary, the Netherlands, ZOOM*
Mr John Vorstermans	*General Secretary, New Zealand*
Mr Charlton Romero	*General Secretary, Philippines*
Mrs Angeles Torra-Buron	*General Secretary, Spain, ZOOM*
Mrs Birgitta Skargo	*General Secretary, Sweden*
Mrs Svitlana Gavrylenko	*General Secretary, Ukraine, after break, ZOOM*
Mrs Barbara Hebert	*General Secretary, USA, ZOOM*

Observers:

Douglas Keene	*USA*
Isis de Resende	*Brazil*
Michelle de Jong	*Indonesia, ZOOM*
Ms Krista Umbjarv	*France, ZOOM*
K Jaikumar	*Adyar, after break*

Absent:

Mr Desmond Chapman	Africa South
Mr K. A. Tutu	Africa West
Mr Fidel Carrazana Macias	Cuba
Mr Marko Kauppinen	Finland
Ms Maxence Ondet	France > proxy to Tran-Thi-Kim-Dieu
Mr Haraldur Erlendsson	Iceland
Mr Widyatmoko	Indonesia
Mr Antonio Girardi	Italy > proxy to Patrizia Calvi
Mr Carlos Guerra	Portugal

The President welcomed those present.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 11 June 2022 at ITC Naarden were approved with the following two corrections:

1) Present was Charlton Romero from the Philippines by Zoom, 2) Damon Scothern from England attended as an observer.

2. Matters arising out of the Minutes

The Charter of Adamant Lodge in Russia was withdrawn due to their actions through years of limited brotherliness and misusing the international platform. The Lodge members were given the possibility to remain members of the TS in Russia or resign from the TS. They had to individually give their decision, not to be made by the Adamant Lodge leader on their behalf. The TS International Rules were asked to be taken off from their website, which they did. 36 resigned. They are going in their own direction.

3. Report on the Non-English Publications Fund (NEPF)

The Treasurer reported that the balance of the NEPF account held by the Theosophical Investment Trust under TS in America for TS Adyar was $84,558. In 2022 no grants were asked for or given.

4. Report on the International Funds

The Treasurer reported the status of International Funds as of 31 March 2022:

<u>International Funds in USA</u>

ABC Fund balance on 31 March 2022 $1,028,396

During the financial year a deposit of $500,000 was received by a bequest and $595,000 was transferred to Adyar to help to pay some of the capital expenditure of finishing the LBC renovations and other construction work.

Adyar Renovation Fund $15,100

International Funds in Australia

ABC Fund and Adyar Security Fund A$78,328

International Funds in the Netherlands

Adyar Renovation Fund € 45,616

5. Treasurer's Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022

The Treasurer presented in detail the Treasurer's Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022. The GC members thanked the Treasurer for the incredible work.

The Treasurer's Report and Accounts were approved unanimously.

6. The Budget for the year ending 31 March 2024

The Treasurer presented the Budget in detail.

GC unanimously approved the Budget for the year ending 31 March 2024.

7. Appointment of Auditors for the year ending 31 March 2024

M/s Srihari & Co. were re-appointed as Auditors for the year ending 31 March 2024 on the same terms as before.

8. Appointment of Executive Committee (EC)

The President nominated the same EC members for the Executive Committee for 2023.

All were in favor, none against.

The following were appointed as Executive Committee members for 2023:

Mr Tim Boyd	President (ex-officio)
Dr Deepa Padhi	Vice-President (ex-officio)
Ms Nancy Secrest	Treasurer (ex-officio)
Ms Marja Artamaa	Secretary (ex-officio)
Mrs Jenny Baker	General Council Member
Mr Pradeep Gohil	General Council Member
Prof. C. A. Shinde	General Council Member
Mr Jaikumar Kannan	Member
Mr A. L. Somayaji	Member

B R E A K

9. Report by the President on the Headquarters

The President invited and introduced *Mrs Sashikala Sriram*, who is the Director of Academy in the Olcott Memorial Higher Secondary School. She has been in charge of it for 7 years working entirely in a voluntary capacity. She worked 31 years in large top schools in the field of education before this position.

Sashikala thanked the opportunity to work at the Olcott School and for underprivileged children, which has inspired her more than in the earlier 31 years. There are 486 children at the moment. When she started there were about 300. The children come from very hard, unhappy, and unstable backgrounds. She mentioned how important it is to give quality education from whatever conditions one comes from. She wanted to make the campus a lovely campus and give such education for the children that they could continue after school for further education, even in universities, which earlier has not been possible for underprivileged children. There are about 39 teachers out of which 15-20 are far fit to other top schools. The only barrier is the language which they are improving with programs for them. The passing percentage of students increased from 40 % in the first year to 82 %. She emphasized that the work is group work, team work. But there are a lot of challenges with the children because the parents do not support schooling, some children do not come to school on time, not with proper uniform etc. But 80% have been dealt with so far. Sashikala mentioned that the important thing to remember is "love, love, love". If you love them, take care of them, talk to them in very nice way so that the children understand, they can change. All teachers have laptops and learn excel, google etc. and children have ipads for studies which was important during the pandemic. Sashikala was awarded for her work, and along that Olcott School was in the news on the national channel about going digital and good education.

Sashikala showed a powerpoint presentation of the school year.

10. Damodar Gardens

The President invited and introduced *Mr Bala Vaidyanathan (Vaidy)*, who started at the end of 2019 to develop with us an approach to marketing Damodar Garden and going along with negotiations until we now have the Deed with Shivnadar Trust (SNT), after 4 years of negotiations. Vaidy has a background in operating corporate entities and a very large scale for land specifics and a knowledge of how these things take place. He completely gave his time and knowledge to this project. The lifetime of the Deed is 43 years which provides an increasing income stream from a piece of land that was previously unavailable to us but has always been used for educational

purposes. It is a win-win for everybody and it has also been recognized as quite a win for the broader Chennai community as there is going to be a school of the highest level, international. GC thanked Vaidy's contribution to the process.

The President mentioned about the Damodar Garden area that the road is to be widened by the initiation of the local government. It takes about 1 acre off from the lease that we have with SNT. But TS will be reimbursed with a transferable development right which can be sold to some developer in Chennai. This matter is going on.

11. Discussion on work around the world

General Secretaries reported the main points from their Section. Generally said things are gradually getting up after the years of the pandemic. The balance between online and in-person programs is focused on where we live nowadays in a more or less hybrid communication. Emphasis is made to improve for in-person events. Propagation project via social media started by some of the WFYT (World Federation of Young Theosophists).

The video of the President's Address which will be shown at the Opening of the Convention on 31 December will report on activities taken in the countries.

12. Any other business

a. Appointing a Committee to review the International Rules

The matter was postponed.

b. Discussion for the theme for the World Congress and 150th Anniversary on 23-29.7.2025, at Vancouver, Canada

The theme will be defined before June by a team in Adyar.

It was brought up that for the World Congress in order to have worldwide participation, should include not only English but also French, Spanish, and Portuguese, to attract participation. This will be taken to planning the program.

c. Svitlana Gavrylenko reported from Ukraine that they have been able to work online, giving lectures and using social network, in spite of the war. All the 8 Lodges are safe. Svitlana thanked for the help they have received through TOS. Humanitarian service is functioning with the items received from abroad.

d. Isis de Resende told about her visit & stay in Russia for many months, mostly in Siberia area where the TS has been for 12 years. Now that the misunderstanding

or conflict between the two groups is solved by expelling the Adamant Lodge, the work has become more like a team, and workers are committed.

President said that he gave online talks in November, one day to Ukraine, and the next day to Russia. The important thing he recognized is the fraternity between people.

13. Next dates

The next meeting is the strategic planning days at ITC Naarden, the Netherlands, from 16 to 21 June, of which the 16th is the arrival day and the 21st is the departure day. On Saturday 17th June will be the GC meeting.

14. Closing of the meeting

The President appreciated and thanked everyone for the good meeting.

The meeting was closed at 5:00 pm India time.

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